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FOR NEW ENGLAND

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# Yearly Meeting Minute 1775

This Meeting being under a weighty Concern for Friends who are, or may be Under suffer-
ings & Difficulties from the Powers of this World, on account of our Religious Testimony,
do appoint our Friends Moses Farnum Moses Brown Jeremiah Hacker Joseph Mitch-
ell Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Thomas Lapham Jun.r Jeremiah Austyn John Rogers Benjamin Strange George Arnold Jonathan
Macy Barzilla Tucker Nathan Daves Jacob Mott Jun.r Thomas Steere John Collins
Theophilus Shove Jun.r Samuel Gould, Joshua Davel, Philip Wanton, Joseph Southwick,
Eber Chase, David Buffum, John Casey, & Caleb Russell, a Committee to take cogne-
zance of all grievances arising amongst us, wherein any Friend or Friends may
be affected either in person, property, or in Regard to our Christian Testimony afore-
said. And to advise Counsel & assist as best Wisdom may Direct. And they are de-
sired to meet once a month, or oftner if need be, That Seven of said Committee Constitute a
Meeting which may transact the Business thereof, And that any aggrieved Friend or
Friends may apply to them either in a Collective or Seperate Capacity as the circum-
stances of the Case may require, And that said Committee in a meeting Capacity Draw
on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the monies that shall be necessary for the purposes
aforesaid, who is ordered to pay the same. And that this Committee View and Judge
of Manuscripts proposed to be printed, and Correspond with the Meeting for Sufferings
at Philadelphia Or Elsewhere: And it is Recommended to the Several Quarterly
& Monthly Meetings that they do not in Consequence of the above appointment Relax their
Care & Supplies in their several Allotments in any respect which hath Heretofore been, or may
be their Duty towards their Members

Sign.d P.r Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Meeting Of the Committee for Sufferings Held at Smithfield the 30th of the 6th M.o 1775
Present, Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum Benj.a Arnold, David Buffum, John
Casey, George Arnold, Moses Brown, Thomas Lapham Jr.

Thomas Lapham Junr is Appointed Clerk for this time

This Meeting having taken under Consideration the present State of the Town of Boston,
And the circumstances of our Friends and Brethren in Society there, Think it best, if they
find Freedom, And an opportunity may be procured, That they Come out of that Town.
And in Order that they may be Visited and Measures Taken to get them out, Or
if that Cannot be effected, then to inspect their Circumstances, and grant them such
relief as may be Necessary. We appoint our Friends, Thomas Steere
Moses

Moses Farnum, & Benjamin Arnold, to take the best measures they in Wisdom may be directed, either by way of Salem, or any other way to Effect what is above expressd concerning our said Friends in Boston; and Friends in Salem, or elsewhere who can assist in the above Service are Desired to do it

At a Meeting Of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence 12th 7th M. 1775

Present. Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Sapham Junr, George Arnold, Jeremiah Austin John Rogers. Benjamin Arnold, Barzilla Tucker, Thomas Steere, John Collins, Theophilus Shove Junr, Samuel Gould, Joshua Davel, Phillip Wanton, Eber Chase, David Buffum, John Casey, Caleb Russell, . Thomas Sapham Jr. is appointed Clerk for Jd Committee.

The Friends appointed to visit our Friends in Boston &c. Do make return That they with Jeremiah Hacker and Samuel Collins had performd that Journey and their report is comprized in the Epistle directed to the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia from this Meeting hear after Entered

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met according to adjournment — And adjourned to the conclusion of the Quar. Meeting to be held next 6th Day at the lower Meeting House at Smithfield

Met according to adjournment. Jeremiah Hacker, attended at this time, and John Casey was absent — This Meeting adjourns to the 5th Hour this afternoon, — Met by adjournment — And adjourned to the 8th Hour to Morrow Morning at Providence — Met by adjournment —

An Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia was concluded on, and is as follo

From our Meeting of the Committee for Suffering, held at Providence for New England by Adjournment the 15th of 7th Mo. 1775. To The Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia

Dear Friends,

We remember your request which was read at Our last Yearly Meeting, to know particularly the State & circumstan of Our Friends in Boston, and Now inform you, that they have been visited last week by some of us, Appointed for that Service, who inspected their Circumstances, and made distribution to their several Necessities, Some of the Few Friends remaining in that Town

Visit to Boston

Town, are about to Remove from thence, and are likely to get out soon, Three Families. Viz.
Ebenezer Pope, James Raymar, & John Phillips concluded to Stay longer there, Not
seeing their Way clear to come away as yet — These Friends who have been at
Boston also inform, that they went into the Town by Water from Lynn, and that Upon
admiral grave Act of his information about friend at Philad.a — their first coming into the presence of the Admiral, and making known their Business he
frowned upon them, and said he had been informd, that Friends had taken up Arms against the
King, and that there was a Regiment raisd at Philadelphia, and were come or Coming to
Fight against them, but being told by Friends they believed it was not so, but only a few
of the looser Sort had gone with Some who never were of our Society, and that they believe
such were testifyed against by Friends, as had been the Case in our parts, respecting
Two who had gone out that Way; Afterwhich the Admiral appeard satisfyd, and treat-
ed our Friends kindly, which we Mention, that Care in Such cases may not be delayed
and Truths testimony thereby suffer. — We also Inform that most of
Act of friend in Boston — the Friends who are in Boston, And those who are come out, are in Low Circumstances
in the World. — This being the needful in Answer to Your Request, we might
Conclude with our Salutation of Love, but as Some of your Members have Manifested a
near Sympathy And Concern for our Friends on Nantucket, who are brought under suf-
ferings by the Resolves of the Continental, & provincial Congress's. We have a Freedom
further to inform You, that we have taken under Consideration the Matter of applying
to these Assemblies of Men, And Concluded, where Friends are under Grievances from any
Man, or Body of Men, they may in a peaceable, suffering Spirit, safely remonstrate
against, and apply for Relief from such grievance, by Argument & persuasion, consistent
with Our principles; And have advisd Friends on Nantucket to Apply accordingly.

With Desires for our Mutual preservation we Remain your Friends &
Brethren —

Signd In & On behalf of S. Meeting by.
Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

The following Lines was Concluded on & Sent to Friends at Lynn Viz.

Dear Friends

Having Understood that many of You have of late so far Joind, with the People of the World, As to assist in a Watch, which appears to us inconsistent with our Religious Principles, being mixd with, if not wholy for Military purposes, and we Conceive will have a tendency to Leaven you in the prevailing Spirit thereof, and consequently deprive you of that peaceable possession and quiet habitation, which is the safety of those who, in Obedience to the divine Law of peace & Love, Withdraw themselves

From

from those things which are Contrary thereto. — We therefore having weightily deliberated on your present Situation, & being desirous of your welfare every way, Besech you to assist therefrom & Stand still that you may be favourd to see the Salvation of God. —

And Dear Friends we beseech you Stedfastly to attend to the operations of Truth in your own minds, which will be a preservative against every allurement, & seducing attempt, with which you may be beset. — And we further desire that you may individually be careful to attend your Meetings for Worship, & Discipline, and therein labour to be united in Spirit for the upholding of the pure testimony of Truth, and exercising our Christian Discipline. — We likewise earnestly recommend to your further perusal, & practical observation, the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held in London, the 4th. of 9th. Mo. last, which contains living, weighty and pertinent Advice well worthy to be observd by all, and well adapted to the matter upon which this is written to you, a Copy of which is herewith Sent. Signd in & on behalf of Sd. Meeting by

Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

The Following was agreed to & ordered to be directed, and Sent to Salem Monthly Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Salem —

Dear Friends

The State of our Friends at Lynn having been taken under Consideration by this Meeting, And an Epistle, of which the Inclosed is a Copy, sent them, We have to refer you thereto, and earnestly to recommend the Extending of your particular Care towards them as well as the other branches of your Meeting at this time and that those who thro' inattention may have slept aside from the testimony of Truth, be carefully advised, admonishd, and reprovd, and if need be seasonably testifyed against, That the cause Of truth & its followers do not Suffer, And we have to offer our further assistance on this and all other Occasions, and Recommend a free Correspondence, & communication to us of your Circumstances from time to time, as Occasion may require —

Sd. In & On behalf of our Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings &c. by

Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

The following advice was concluded on & Ordrd to be directed & sent to Nantucket 1775

Dear Friends

It is the Opinion of this Meeting, that Friends may Safely in all cases of grievance, from what body of people soever, Apply to such Bodies, or individuals and remonstrate the same, & in a peaceable Suffering Spirit by argument or perswasion endeavour Relief, and as the Inhabitants of the Island of Nantucket are Evidently under Suffering through the Resolves of the Continental & Massachusetts Provincial Congress

Respecting them. It is the advice of this Meeting that Friends collect a true state of Facts respecting the provisions on the Island, Confer upon the best method of obviating the Reasons on which these Resolves are founded, and by a Committee apply to the Provincial Congress and endeavour to remove any wrong jealousies, mistaken informations or what ever other Cause may have produced the abridgment of their just Rights, and present Grievance, in the best manner you Can Consistent with our knowable principles, And in Case any further advice or Assistance from this Meeting be wanting freely apply and on all occasions communicate your Circumstances.

Signd in & On Behalf of s.d Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings
By Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

Clerk to Notifye Meeting

This Meeting agrees to Meet again on the Second Second day of the week in Next Month at the 10th hour in the forenoon at Providence, But in Case circumstances requires a Meeting Sooner the Clerk is Desired to Notify as Many of the Members as he conveniently can to attend.

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held in Providence the 14th of the 8th Mo. 1775

Present. Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Hacker, Thomas Hazzard, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Lapham Jun.r George Arnold, Jacob Noll Jun.r Thomas Steere, John Collins, Theophilus Shove Jun.r, Joshua Dexter, David Buffum, John Casey, Caleb Russell.

This Meeting receivd an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia the 27th of 6th Mo. last which was Read & well accepted, & was Ord.d To the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to assist & relieve Friends there under Sufferings.

Dear Friends

By an Epistle from your Yearly Meeting held last Month at Newport, we are informd that a "Committee of Twenty Six Friends are appointed to meet Once a Month or oftner if need require, for the Relief and assistance of Friends in Suffering Cases &c. & to correspond with this Meeting, as Occasions may make it necessary" which Account is Acceptable, and Satisfactory to us:

In the Year 1756, Various trying Circumstances attending our Religious Society in these parts, Our Yearly Meeting found it Expedient to establish this our Meeting for Sufferings: Since which time it has been regularly maintained, & many unexpected weighty Matters, have frequently occurr'd to require our Solid Attention, & Care, and we may with thankfulness Acknowledge, that in the Course of our Consultations,

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we have often Experienced Assistance superior to our own, Enabling us to consider them in such manner as we have Grounds to hope has tended towards the support of our Christian Testimony, & the Welfare of our Religious Society: We mention this for your Encouragement, chearfully to engage in the Service to which you are appointed, being perswadic that as a single Eye is Maintained for the Honour of Truth; Wisdom & help will be given you, equal to the exigencies of the important Affairs, which may come under your consideration — The Commotions prevailing in the Colonies in general are greatly to be Lamented, and the desolating Calamities of War, with which Your Provinces are immediately afflicted engage our serious consideration, & Sympathy, & at the same time that we are concerned for the preservation of our Brethren in a conduct Consistent with our peaceable profession, & Principles, (whatever Loyals may be permitted to attend them) & that such who are subjected to distress, & Sufferings may be seasonably relieved, we are not unmindful of Others, not in Religious Profession with us, many of whom we apprehend must be reduced to pinching necessities, we have therefore recommended to Friends in general thro the Compass of our Yearly Meeting, to commiserate their Suffering Cases, & to Manifest a willingness to contribute to the Relief of such who are real Objects of Charity agreable to a Circular Letter distributed to the respective Meetings in those Provinces, a Copy whereof we herewith send you, which has been without our Knowledge, or approbation, published by the news Writers here in their several late papers: In Order therefore to obviate any Misapprehensions of Our views, it is necessary to inform You, that many Friends apprehending that the Inhabitants of Boston were much distressed were early disposed to contribute to their relief; but no opportunity offering until we heard of your appointment of doing it in a Satisfactory manner, it was Just Done, And as the Calamities of War have lately much increased the Distresses of the People in the Massachusetts Government, we think it seasonable to extend some relief to such. And are desirous that you would unite your Endeavours with us, in order that our charitable Intention may be Fulfilled in a manner consistent with our peaceable Principles; to which purpose we request as you live in Different parts of the Country You would send us the best intelligence you can obtain of the Situation of the People who have been or still are Inhabitants of Boston, & communicate to us your Sentiments in what Manner it will be most proper to administer to the Relief of them or Others who are reduced to necessitous Circumstances: Some have already removed To this place, others may be likely to follow, Many among Ourselves may become Objects of Charity as the Winter Season approaches! all which Cases will require

requir very . Nature Consideration & Care . —— We hope, and desire that a regular Correspondence may be . Maintained between us, That we may be informed of the situation of Friends in your parts, Particularly of our Brethren Fishers on . Nantucket, who we fear (from . Some late Resolutions) will be Subject to considerable difficulties & Distress —— We Salute you with Brotherly Regard & are

Signed in and on behalf of our . Meeting for Sufferings, for Pennsylvania & New Jersey in, Philadelphia the 27th 5th M. 1775

Your Loving Friends

Jam's Pemberton Clerk this time

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon ——

The Meeting met by Adjournment ——

This . Meeting on receiving a Letter from . Susanna . Stevens (now at South Kingston who lately came from Boston & left her effects there) sent the following letter to Salem . Monthly . Meeting viz

To the . Monthly Meeting of Salem ——

We received a request from Susanna . Stevens late of Boston desiring our assistance as a Suffering Friend, And we not being satisfied that she is a . Member of our . Society have not acted on her Business, And now desire that you would as soon as may be Certify us whether she is a . Member of our . Society or not, That we may be qualified to discharge our Selves properly towards her.

Signed in & on behalf of a . Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th of 8th M. 1775 } Thomas Japham Jr. Clerk

P S. We desire an Answer from you, to our Last

This . Meeting adjourns to the 7th Hour to . Morrow Morning

Met by adjournment —— Jeremiah Hacker Absent

The . Meeting for . Sufferings at Philadelphia in their Epistle informing that they are about to Contribute to the Distresses in Our parts &c, Are requesting of us the best Intelligence we can obtain of the Situation of the People who have been or still are . Inhabitants of Boston and are sufferers by the late commotions &c. We therefore appoint our Friends, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, George . Rindge and David Buffum a Committee to make such enquiry as they shall think necessary get the best Intelligence they can of such who have been or are . sufferers in the Massachusetts & other Colonies in New England, & in Order to make their Service less Laborious, it is concluded that each and all the members of the Yearly . Meetings Committee get what information they can of persons under necessitous Circumstances

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In Consequence of the present Unhappy Troubles And bring with them to the Next sitting of this Meeting which they are desired to attend and that the Committee now appointed Inform the absent Members hereof by sending a Copy of this Minute and give an Account of their proceedings at our next sitting

The Following Epistle was concluded on Viz.

To the Meeting for sufferings here in Philadelphia

Dear Friends

We Received your Epistle dated ye 2nd of ye Ninth last which has been read and the Contents thereof were satisfactory to us, we readily Acquiesce with your desire of keeping up and Maintaining a regular Correspondence With regard to the Situation of Friends in Boston we cannot Acquaint you with any material Circumstance differing from that we have already sent to you, As they have not been visited since that Acct some of those that we Mentioned who were about to remove, have removed to Lynn. As to Nantucket we have no Friend from there at this Meeting nor any particular account from them, there is a report which we believe, that Two Friends went from there to the Congress or General Assembly of the Massachusetts, and laid the grievance attending that Island before them for their Consideration, but obtained no relief: and said Friends returned home As touching those who have been Inhabitants of Boston & are come Out and reduced to difficult circumstances we at present are not capable to give you much Intelligence in what manner is best for to bestow your donation upon them, we conclude to make Inquiry, and then acquaint you with our Sentiments, respecting it as well as those who remain there And may Inform you that we are willing to assist you in the Distribution of your Gift, if needed, and think the greatest precaution ought to be observed, to remove & prevent the jealousies which have arose, or may arise in the Minds of any that it is Designed to be applyed to any other than Charitable purposes

Signed In & On behalf of a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence ye 14th of the 8th M. 1775 By Thomas Tapham Jun. Clerk

It is concluded that the time of this Committees Meeting, be on the Second, Second Day of the week in every Month at Providence, Except in the Months the Quarterly Meeting are held, and in them Months, to Meet the Day before & at the places where the Quarterly Meetings are held, and to meet at the 10th Hour in the forenoon, unless an alteration be

made

The Clerk in all Emergent occasions call a Meeting

It is concluded by this Meeting, that the Clerk on all emergent occasions call a Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence the 15th of the 9th Month 1775. Present, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Thomas Greene, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Lapham Jun. George Arnold, Jeremiah Austin, Benjamin Arnold, Jonathan Macy, Barzilla Tucker, Nathan Davis, Jacob Mott Jr. John Collins, Theophilus Shove Jun. Joshua Lovel, Philip Wanton, Peter Chase, John Casey, Caleb Russell, & Davis Buffum.

The Committee appointed to get an Account of the necessitous Persons in consequence of the present Unhappy Troubles &c report, with which report are the accounts of other Members now received, We Conclude to Answer the request of the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, in that respect.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 3d Hour this Afternoon

Met by Adjournment

This Meeting Adjourns to the 8th Hour to morrow Morning

Met by Adjournment

This Meeting being Informed, that a Vessell belonging to our Friends Clarke Pierpont, William Boyce & George Shove, has been taken, & still detained by the Capt of the Man of War, near Newport. We appoint our Friends, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott Jr, & Philip Wanton, to assist them in soliciting for the release of said Vessell, in such a manner as they may think best, and make report to our next Meeting

The following Epistle was Concluded on Viz.

To the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia

Dear Friends

As we Hinted to you from our last Meeting that we would make Inquiry Concerning the People, who have been, or were then Inhabitants of Boston, that are by the present Commotions, brought to needy Circumstances, and then Inform You about them, We have made some Inquiry, and find that at the first of the fifth Month the Congress of the Massachusetts Made provision for about Five thousand People, who were then in Boston, desiring to come out, but not able to remove themselves, By which we think some Intelligence may be gathered how many there are in Difficult Circumstances, Whether they have all got out, or not we cannot tell, but Apprehend they mostly are, and dispersed in that & the Neighbouring Governments with great Numbers of others removed from, Charlestown, Roxbury, Marblehead &

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Several other Towns on the Sea Coast. And altho the Congress have proportioned the Number mentioned, to have been in Boston, to the several Towns, to be by them took Care of & supported, yet we dont find that application has been made to many of those Towns by any of such sufferers, but in general, those who have come out & left their Effects behind are supported by the hospitality of their Friends, in that and the neighbouring Colonies. As we have no account from Salem Quarter, where the sufferings have been the greatest, we cannot be so particular As we should, had we been glad to, yet we find a number of their Friends in several Towns, we apprehend Objects within the intention of the benevolent in your parts to assist, but how far you mean to consider Class or whether to make any preferance we can't say, but we apprehend you mean to make no distinction of Religious Sects or Political parties, which will cause Care in those who distribute the Donation to avoid occasion of offence. And indeed from the misconstruction of your charitable intention already made, that care will be greatly increased in Order to stop the Mouths of the Censorious of both parties, the undertaking will be truly Laborious & difficult, And we desire your directions & explanations of your intentions, to be explicit & plain as may be — The field of our Enquiry after the most worthy Objects is so large that Unless the Sum be very considerable to distribute it will be best not to make it a Matter of so general notice as the extent of such an Inquiry would Cause. As to the manner we apprehend it may be various, in Some Towns where there may be a number of Objects, It may be best to employ some, others to supply with Provisions, but generally we expect the Money to be hanced to them. whether it will be best to go into Boston, or put it into the hands of Friends & others there to distribute what we may think necessary, or you may direct is a matter best left to the time of Distribution as Circumstances are almost daily altering, whatever Sum of Money you may from time to time remit (for we see no way of geting any provision from you) we shall account to you for, by transmiting such Information of the use it is applyed to, as may seem necessary. — Friends in Boston have not been visited by us since our last. Present, And we have had no other Account from them than what we receive by Ezra Collins, who is gone to your parts, And may give you a more particular account than we are able to do at this time. — In respect to Nantucket we can give but little further Account than in our last, they not having had any thing of their sufferings before this Meeting. A Member from thence informs us, they are short of Provisions and that their whole Fleet remain in Port, We any Vessells are sailing. In hopes of Liberty of sailing, And that some way will be pointed out

Out to them for Supplies by the Massachusetts Assembly, but we dont learn they have any assurance of this.

We Salute you with Brotherly regard, and are Your Loving Friends.

Signed In & on behalf of a Meeting Of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 9th M.o 1775.

By Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk Do.

At a Meeting Of the Committe for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 11th day of the 10th Month 1775. Present, Thomas Rotch, John Collins, Nathan Davis, Benjamen Arnold, Samuel Gould, Eber Chase, Jeremiah Hacker, Caleb Russell Joshua Davel, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, John Rogers Thespilus Howe Jun.r, Barzilla Tucker, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham Jr. George Arnold, Jacob Mott Junr.

Agreeable to the request of this Committee, in the 8th Month last, Salem Monthly Meeting Certifyd to this Meeting that they have made enquiry respecting Susanna Rivers late of Boston, and nothing appears to them that She is a Member of that meeting, thereupon the following Letter was Ordered to be Sent to her, Viz.

From a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 11th of 9th 10th Month 1775.

Whereas we received thy Letter dated 9th 12th of 9th 8th M.o last, Requesting our assistance, which was laid before our Meeting in that Month, and upon Enquiry found thou hast not had a Certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting Therefore we Sent to that Meeting to know whether thou was a Member there of, or not, and we have now received their answer, which is, that they do not look upon it that thou hast a right of Membership there, And unless it appears thou hast such a right, we Cannot by Virtue of our appointment assist thee as a suffering Friend.

So we Conclude with our Salutation of Love to thee, And remain well wishers to all. —

Signed In & on behalf of our said Meeting. by —

Thomas Lapham Jr. Clerk

Friends At Nantucket, desiring the Opinion of this Committee, whether those in the Whaling Business can Consistently comply with the Conditions the Massachusetts Assembly requires, in order to get their Vessells to Sea Viz, That of giving Bond to Land the Oyl & Bone in some part of this Province, We have taken the same into Consideration, and are of Opinion that it no ways Interferes with our Testimony As a Religious Society, Nor apprehending it not to infringe upon the Act of Par-

Parliament respecting the Fishery, Friends may without being justly chargeable with joining in opposition to the Authority of the Crown, Give such Bonds, since without so doing we apprehend no advantage can Arise to the Inhabitants by the indulgence of the Parliament in that respect

In Answer to the request of Friends on Nantucket desiring our judgment & advice whether it is probable they can obtain Liberty to bring Flour for the use of the Island by Water from the Western provinces, It appears to us likely, As we apprehend it would be for the Interest of the Province in general, as well as Nantucket in particular

We therefore recommend that you appoint a suitable Committee to address the Assembly, And Represent the Necessity of a Supply, the difficulty if not impossibility, at this Season, to get it by Land; the disadvantage to the other parts of the Province if you are restricted to get it that way, as the Price must be greatly enhanced & the prospect of a permit for uninterrupted passage, from the Admiral who is apprehended under a sense of the Necessity the Island will be under, will be induced to construe the Act of Parliament so favourable as not to restrict provisions, from being carried to Nantucket, As without which the Indulgence granted thereby respecting the Inhabitants must be in great Measure if not wholly frustrated. And we also desire in Order that no just occasion of offence be given to either party you apply to the Admiral, Letting him know of your having a permit & request his instructions to his Officers to give a free passage for such a Quantity as may be thought sufficient from time to time, And in case liberty be obtained from the Assembly & Admiral, application may be made, either to the Congress at Philadelphia, or New York, who will doubtless appoint some Committee to see that what is Shipp'd be landed at Nantucket, according to the intention before any further Quantity be allowed.

And further it is the advice of this Meeting that Friends do not purchase Provisions, and Carry to Nantucket without permits, as now required, Nor export from thence any thing Contrary to Act of Parliament — And the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of the above to Nantucket. —

The following Accot was also received from Salem Monthly Meeting, Viz.

We have now to inform, that we receivd your Epistle of advice of the 7th Mo. last respecting Friends not being concernd in Watching or any other way joining with the Warlike People, in any thing of a Military or Warlike Nature; which was read & kindly accepted, And we believe has been of Service to us: But as there was about that time an alteration made in the Manner of Watching, Friends have not been kept or called on since on

that Account

Jacob Mott Junr one of the Committee to assist Clarke Turington & Others in soliciting for the release of a Vessell &c. Reports that some assistance hath been afforded and the Vessell is released, But very much Stripped of her Sails Rigging &c Therefore said Committee are still continued to Solicit for the restoring of said Sails Rigging &c In such manner as they may think fit, And make return to our next Setting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 9th Hour to Morrow Morning

Met by adjournment. { Isaac Lawton & Joseph Mitchell attended this Time

This Meeting being Informed that James Easton a Member of our Society hath been taken by some of the Men of Wars Men near Newport, and is still detaind on board some one of their Vessells, Thereupon our Friends Isaac Lawton, Philip Wanton & Jacob Mott Junr are appointed to solicit for his release, in such a manner, as to them may appear best, And make report to our next Setting.

This Meeting adjourns to the close of the Meeting of Discipline to Morrow,

The Meeting met by adjournment. Adjourned to the 9th hour to Morrow morn.

The Meeting Met by Adjournment. Jeremiah Austin attended this time

Whereas this Meeting being Informed that, Elizabeth Sims a young Woman in Boston, a Member of our Society is desirous to come out of that Town.

Thereupon this Meeting appoints our Friend Jeremiah Tucker to make inquiry & assist her in geting out, if she desires it, & to make return of his proceedings to our next Setting.

At a Meeting Of the Committee for Sufferings, held at Providence, the 13th of the 11th Month 1775, Present, Thomas Rice, John Collins, Benja Arnold, Moses Barnum, John Casey, Moses Brown, Theophilus Shove Junr David Buffum, Thomas Topham Junr, Isaac Lawton, Philip Wanton, Thomas Gorham, Paul Osborne, Joshua Doud.

Philip Wanton makes report, that the Comm to Assist Clarke Turington, & Others, in Solicitations for the Release of Some Sails, Rigging &c, Detaind from them, by some belonging to the Men of War near Newport, have done nothing in that respect since our last Meeting, by reason they have not been applyd to, Therefore said Committee is Still Continued for said service & to make report to our next Meeting

One of the Committee to Solicit for the release of our Friend James Easton, who was Taken & detaind on board some

Some one of the Vessells belonging to the Men of War near Newport, Makes report That he was released without their Assistance and is now at Liberty:—

Jeremiah Hacker who was apointed to assist Elizabeth Simmons in geting Out of Boston, not being present, That matter is referd to our next Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the second Day of next Week at this place at The First Hour in the Afternoon.—

This Meeting met by adjournment this 20th Day of the 11th M. 1775. present, Thomas Story, Isaac Lawton, Jeremiah Austin, Moses Brown, Eber Chase, Theophilus Shove Junr. David Buffum Thomas Tapham Junr. John Casey, Caleb Russell & Moses Farnum.—

Our Friends, David Evans & John Parish from Philadelphia also attended at this time

Received an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia the 9th of this present Month, which is as follows (Viz.)

At the Meeting for Sufferings of Friends in New England to be held at Providence in Rhode Island:—

Dear Friends. Your Epistle dated 12th of the 9th Mon. being long on the way hither, We had been very desirous of hearing from you, Sometime, before it was received: It was fully Considerd at Our Meeting on Fifth Day last, And as the Season is far advanced, & the relief intended for the sufferers in your Country will no doubt be much wanted— We conducted as soon as we could to Engage Two suitable Friends to go with it, And at our Meeting on Second Day last to send you Two thousand pounds Our Currency; Which Sum with the Five Hundred pounds we have paid the Printer for the Books sent you, we are in hopes if soon distributed will be an acceptable relief for the present, to many poor People, who by the Calamitous circumstances of your Country, are reduced to great Straights, & difficulties: And if you find the Distribution of a further Sum, will be ——— more seasonable & serviceable, to such before the Winter than at any future time, and you can obtain the Money there by Bills drawn on us, we desire you would Inform us, As the Risque of Sending it will thereby be saved, As also the difficulty we find in procuring Specie suitable for the purpose:—

The Care & Caution you have Expressed that our Contributions should be distributed as much as possible to such as are in real want, so directly concurs with our intent, and our Rose heretofore expressed to you; it seems the less necessary to say much now Concerning it:— It is not our Intention

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to Limit the Distribution to the Members of Our own, or Any other Religious Society, nor to the place of their present or former residence: It seems probable That many who never Lived in Boston, may be as proper Objects, as those who have, And tho we would not have our Brethren in Religious profession, who are in real sufferings, excluded from partaking of this Contribution; yet we consider they are intitled to your immediate care, And will no doubt partake of the Christian Brotherly assistance we have ever as a Society, extended to such. They who remain in Boston; whether of our Society or others claim a careful attention to their circumstances: All these cases with such others as we cannot particularly point out, will we Trust be the Subjects of your inquiry, & Consideration: And we believe it will be expedient to keep a particular Account of the Names of all who may partake of the Contribution, and of their occupations, Number of the Children of such as have any, The present, & former places of their residence, with such other circumstances as you can collect, & particularly of what religious Society they are: by which, misrepresentations may be obviated: And as the Subscriptions are not compleated, some who have been scrupulous may be so satisfyed, As to unite with us therein —

Our Dear Friends David Evans, & John Parish, having engaged in the trust of conveying you this, from A brotherly concern, to allieve your Feeling, & sympathy with you in this time of suffering, and being well acquainted with the State of Friends here, we hope will be enabled to supply what more you may be desirous of knowing, and We are so well assured of their stedfastness in the Cause of Truth, And for the maintaining the Testimony thereof, That we doubt not their devoting themselves to this Service, will be Acceptable to you in divers respects, And we hope of real benefit to themselves and That they may be favoured with a safe return to their families &c. —

The Case of our Friends at Nantucket, often engages our affectionate sympathy; But we think if they were as great Sufferers as we sometime since apprehended they would be, we should have seen Some of them, or heared from them; being ready, & willing, to join them in endeavours for their relief in any manner consistent with our profession & principles. — In this time of Exercise & difficulty it was Cause of reverent thankfulness to observe the very large Number of Friends, who attended our late Yearly Meeting, And to be Sensible of the renewed Evidence of divine Favours, Uniting us in the important considerations of the affairs of Truth which we hope will be profitably remembered by many: — The Measures now proposed, in the General Congress, & our provincial Assembly, will if prosecuted

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subject Friends here to Sufferings, we have not heretofore experienced, And as we have found it our duty to address the Assembly on this occasion: We send you some Copies of what we offered to them, which may obviate, or remove some of the Misrepresentations which are made of it.

We Salute you with Brotherly Love, and are On behalf of Our Meeting for Sufferings, held in Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania & New Jersey:

Philadelphia 11th Mon: 9th 1775

Your loving Friends
John Reynell
John Morris
Isr. Pemberton
Jam.s Pemberton
Abel James
John Pemberton

And the Two Friends from thence bearing the Donation Mentioned in said Minute, further informing, that it was not the intention of the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia That any part thereof should be bestowed on those who are Active in carrying on or promoting Military Measures, of either party, But that we preserve our Religious Testimony, against Wars & Fighting there.

Our Friends Moses Farnum, Moses Brown & David Buffum are appointed to prepare an Answer to the above Epistle, And bring to the adjournment of this Meeting, which is adjourned to the 9th hour to Morrow Morning

The Meeting met by adjournment

Received a Letter from Jeremiah Hacker Containing the following, Acct viz

That according to appointment, at his return home he made enquiry what Way to get a Letter into Boston, was Informed that all communication was stopt by Order on Each side, Except by Flag of Truce, Upon which he wrote what appeared Needful respecting Elizabeth Sims directed to Ebenezer Sope & sent it to General Washington to be sent into Boston the first opportunity, but had Received no Answer: —

With respect to some of the Friends removed out of Boston, it appeard some speedy Relief would be Necessary —

And the Contents of the above is referred to the consideration of our next Meeting.

The Friends, to prepare an Answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, presented one, which being Read was approved & is as Follows Viz.

Dear Friends — Providence 21st of 11 Month 1775

Having received advice at our last Meeting, that two Friends from your Meeting might be expected at this time, we adjourned our Meeting to the 20th Instant, when we were favoured with the Company of Our Loving Friends, David Evans, & John Parish, and your Epistle which were very acceptable, It would have been a Satisfaction to us, and we believe to them, had Our Meeting been larger at this time: — Altho the Difficulty of distributing your Donation in a Satisfactory manner remains to be as great if not greater than ever, — Yet the satisfactory accot. of the Benevolent Disposition, & Care, of Friends among you, that hath been concerned in the Subscription, obviating some Scruples in our Minds about it, and a degree of that Strengthening Uniting influence which makes hard things easy, Accompanying our deliberations upon this Subject, we have to Continue our Encouragement of distributing your Charity to the Suffering poor, agreeable as may be to your Directions, Our Sentiments correspond therewith: — But whether it will be in our power to do it to the Distressed Inhabitants in Boston, so Soon or Satisfactory, as we could desire, is uncertain as we are informd, that there is no passing in or out but by way of Flags of Truce, from the Commanding Officers. We have received the Money you mention agreeable to the Invoice therewith sent, And as Gold is more valuable with you than in Old England, the whole hath been Carefully weighed and found to be 82 oz. 16 dwt 3 mg., Leaving the sum now remitted £15-12-9 4, which with the £200 your Currency for the Books we apprehend will be as much as we can speedily distribute to Satisfaction, We shall therefore refer Saying much of any further sum, until we see what progress is made with this now sent, Of which may advise you from time to time, as Occasion may require: —

The Case of Our Friends on Nantucket, bear a More pleasant Aspect at present than for some time back, they having Liberty to take Provisions from the Massachusetts & this Colony And the late resolves of the General Congress will no Doubt, make it more easy for them to Supply with Bread & Flour. — The Prospect of your becoming Sufferers in the once peaceful Province of Pennsylvania, is very unpleasant to us, Yet believing that many members of our Society are clothed with Defiled Garments, and are leprous who ought not to abide in the Camp we hope Trials may have a Tendency towards cleansing the same: Nevertheless we hope the Honest hearted will not be discouraged, Remembring that the Lord knoweth them that are

are His, and that such as put their trust in him, shall be as Mount Zion which can never be removed: The two aforemention'd Friends having attended the several sittings of this Meeting, are able to give an Account of our proceedings, therefore we need not further inform you thereof — We salute you in Love and Brotherly affection, and Remain your Friends & Brethren: — Sign'd In & On behalf of Our Meeting for Sufferings at Providence by Adjournment, the day & Year aforesaid, by

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk —

It appearing necessary that a Committee be appointed to make a proper distribution of the Money agreeable to the Intention of the Meeting for sufferings in Philadelphia, the following Friends are appointed for that service, Viz. Moses Farnum Isaac Lawton, David Buffum & Theophilus Shove Junr; and they are desired to get the assistance of Jeremiah Hacker, in order to get the matter forwarded & make report of their proceedings to Our Meeting next Month: — And as it appears necessary to get admittance into Boston in Order to inspect into the circumstances of the Inhabitants that the poor & Distressed, Amongst them who are Innocent may be relieved, which Cannot be done without leave from the Generals of both Armies, This Meeting taking that matter under their serious deliberation do agree that it May be Useful to prepare an address to the Generals of both Armies shewing them the intent & design of Friends in their intended Relief, requesting leave to be admitted for that purpose, And the following Friends are appointed to prepare an Essay (viz,) Thomas Steere, Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, David Buffum & Moses Farnum: — Then adjourned to the Fourth hour this afternoon —

Met by adjournment — The Friends appointed in the forenoon have prepared an address to General Washington which was read & Approved of, and is as Follows Viz:

From a Meeting for Sufferings of the people called Quakers, held at Providence 21st of the 11th Month 1775 —

## To General Washington.

As Visiting the Fatherless and the Widows, and relieving the distressed, by feeding the hungry & cloathing the Naked, is the subject of this address, We Cannot Doubt of thy attention to our representation, & request in their behalf — The principle of Benevolence & Humanity exciting our Brethren in Pennsylvania & New Jersey to Contribute & send to Our Care

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a considerable Sum of Money to be distributed to such sufferers, as are by the present Unhappy difficulties reduced to necessitous Circumstances, without distinction of sects or parties (provided they are not Active in carrying on, or promoting Military Measures So that our religious Testimony against Wars & Fighting, may be preserved sure) And we being Sensible there are many such within, as well as without the Town of Boston; And being desirous of Giveing those that are the most needy there, as well as without. We desire thy Favourable assistance in geting into the Town, that they may be visited & relieved in such manner as the Bearers hereof, Moses Farnum Isaac Lawton David Buffum & Theophilus Shove Junr. who we have appointed a Committee for that Service, may think proper, and when their Christian services are Accomplish'd, to be allow'd to return to their Families in Safety: — Sorrowfully affected with the present Calamities, And feeling an engagement on our minds so to demean ourselves As becomes those who profess to walk Humbly, and Peaceably with all Men: —

We Are Thy Friends. —

Signd, In, & by Order of the Meeting ... by —

John Collins
Thomas Hazard
Isaac Lawton
Moses Farnum
Moses Brown

And the Clerk is Ordered to Copy the Same (with the direction to General Howe) & deliver it to the Committee —

It is agreed that the Friends appointed to go into Boston do take with them the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money to distribute to the necessitous in that Town if they find it necessary: —

The Money being now in Moses Browns hands he is desired to keep the same in behalf of this Meeting, To deliver the Committee now appointed the sum mentioned, And also to any Member of this Meeting a Sum not Exceeding Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money, taking Receipt therefore to be by them applyd, if opportunity offers before the Next Meeting, To which time the Appointment of a Further Committee for this Service is Refered: —

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence the 11 of 9th 12 Month 1775 Present, Thomas Steer John Collins Thomas Hazard Benjamin Nicols Samuel Gale Isaac Lawton Jacob Holt Jun. Moses Brown John Casey Moses Farnum Barzilla Tucker David Buffum Thomas Lapham Jun. Joshua Level Theophilus Shove Jun. Jarvis Veal & David Sands From the Province of New York attended at this Sitt.

Two of the Committee appointed Clarke Sarington & others in writeing for the release of some Vessels & Effects Detained from them by some Belonging to the Port of Har war Sixteen &c report that they have not assisted them by reason that they have not been applyed to — Therefore said Committee is still continued for the Same, and to make report when they have done said Service —

Jeremiah Tucker not being present & the reason as we understand is his being unwell, Therefore the appointment he was under in regard of assisting Elisha Thomas in going out of Boston is referred to the care of Thomas Steer David Buffum, Theophilus Shove Jun. & Thomas Lapham Jun. who are appointed in the place of the Committee appointed to go into Boston at our last Meeting, they reporting that they have not been by reason some of their Families were unwell) And said Committee is desired to assist all other Friends that are in Boston Shall desirous to come out —

Our Friends Moses Brown Jacob Holt Jun. John Casey Barzilla Tucker, Benjamin Nicols & Samuel Gale are appointed to make inquiry after such objects that are without the Town of Boston in the different Towns & within the Jurisdiction of this Government, that contribute to them according to their several necessities & they to make report to our next Meeting —

This Meeting adjourns to the 9th Hour to Morrow Morning —

The Meeting met by adjournment, Present Thomas Steer, Thomas Lapham Jun. & Benjamin Nichols, Agreed to prepare for their Journey Eastward & Morrow Morning. —

The address Numbers 1 & 2 as Minuted & directed to General Washington & Congress are Ordered to be copyed and Dated from this Meeting with the Committee appointed new for that Service inserted instead of the former, who are to report to our next Meeting: — Said addresses drawn were signed in behalf of the Meeting by John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton Moses Farnum & Moses Brown. — This Committee concludes to assemble

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their next Meeting at Portsmouth the Day before the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport — As there is no Friend present from Salem Quarter where there are Many Sufferers likely to be Necessitous, And within the intention of the Charity of Our Western Friends to relieve, This Meeting desires Jeremiah Hacker to assist such of the Committee as goes there, in Distributing the Donations in the best manner he can: —

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 10th of the First Month 1776. Present, John Collins, John Rogers, Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Elder Chair, Saml Gould, Philip Lanton, Barzilla Tucker Davis Buffum Caleb Russell, Jacob Mott Junr Jeremiah Austin, Theophilus Howe Junr, Moses Brown, Joshua Doval, Is also Paul Osborn, Aaron Vail & Davis Sands —

Moses Brown having informd this Meeting he hath received Four Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, for Bills he drew on the Committee for the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, in consequence of Conversation with the Comittee from thence this Meeting directs the same to be lodgd in his hands with the other Donation from thence

This Meeting being informd that Barclays Apology's are come to the Hands of the Committee, and the Money is wanted, And altho' the Yearly Meeting directs this Committee should be Ifunded the Money for those not subscribed for Out of the Yearly Meetings Stock, Yet as it is highly probable, the Money in the Treasury will be wanted, It is recommended to those Monthly Meetings, who have not subscribed & paid for their proportion, that they do the same as soon as may be and remit the Money to the Yearly Meetings Committee, that they may be Reimburse, without their taking the Monies that may be wanted for the needy in Society:

This Meeting is adjournd to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of Business which begins to Morrow at Newport —

13 of 1st Mo. This Meeting met by adjournment — And Jeremiah Hacker & Benjamin Arnold attended as also, Our Friend, Thomas Gothrop. —

This Meting is adjourned to Half after three Oclock this afternoon

The Meting met by Adjournment — Our Friends, Thomas Gothrop; Robert Willis, & Aaron Vail attends, at this Time. —

This Meting having taken under their Consideration, The taking and passing the Paper Bills, Issued in these Colonies, & Some Friends having Manifested a Tender Scruple, about taking & passing Some of them, And the doings of the Yearly

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Meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia, upon this subject having been read and considerd in this Meeting. We are of the judgment with them, and do adopt their Advice, And recommend to the several Monthly Meetings a Conduct agreeable thereto in that Respect, And The Clerk for this time is desired to send Copies thereof with this Minute to Each Monthly Meeting as Follows Viz.

"And as many Friends have Expressed that a Religious objection is raised "in their Minds against receiving, or paying, Certain Paper Bills of Credit lately "Issued expressly for the purpose of carrying on War, apprehending that it is a "Duty required of them to guard carefully against contributing thereto, in any man- "ner, We therefore Fervently desire, that such who are not convinced "that it is their Duty to refuse those Bills, may be Watchfull over their own Spirits, "And abide in True Love, and Charity, so that no Expressions, or Conduct tending "to the Oppression of tender Consciences, may appear among us: And we "likewise affectionately Exhort those who have this Religious Scruple, That they "do not admit, nor Indulge any Censure in their Minds against their Brethren "who have not the Same, Carefully manifesting by the whole Tenor of their Conduct "that nothing is done through Strife or Contention; but that they act from the "clear Conviction of Truth in their own minds, Shewing forth by their Meekness "Humility & patient suffering, that they are Followers of the Prince of Peace."

Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, & Moses Brown, part of the Com- mittee that went Eastward to distribute the Donation (Thomas Shure & Thomas Sapham Junr being absent) Made Report which is as Follows —

To the Meeting for Sufferings 13th of 1st M. 1776 —

Agreeable to Appointment, we with Thomas Shure & Thomas Sapham Jr were on our Way (the Day after the rising of our last Meeting) for Cambridge, and deliverd the address of the Meeting to General Washington, Who in a respectful Manner told us, he had Made a Rule not to let any Body go into Boston, Except Women, that were seperated from their Husbands, or the like, And declind granting us Liberty, but proposing to us, to send in to some of our Friends in Malden, Confirmation & Transact the Business of distributing the Donations, we Readily agreed to it, the Small Pox being plenty in Boston, & only one of the Com- mittee appointed for That Service had had it, and Accordingly We wrote to Genl Howe, & Our Friends James Raymor & Ebenezer Pope, which Letters being viewed

by the General & allowd to go, he gave us Orders for a Flag, and we sent them as follows.

To Gen.l Howe. Cambridge 14.th of 12.th M.o 1775.

The Inclos.d Address will acquaint thee with Our Business hither, but being informd the small pox is in Boston, And On waiting upon General Washington with a Copy of the inclose address, find it impracticable for us to Make the intended distribution Personally, yet General Washington being pleas.d to favor us with a conference upon the Lines, with some of Our Friends in Boston, to effect the benevolent intention as far as may be, by delivering them such a Sum to distribute; As we may upon a Conference think proper. We therefore, desire thy Favourable assistance, to the persons to whom the Inclos.d Letters are address.d, to Meet us at a Time thou'll please to appoint upon the Lines where we propose to wait thy Answer, with desires for the peaceable Union of Great Britain & the Colonies, We conclude thy Friends.

Thomas Steere
Benjamin Arnold
Moses Brown
Thomas Lapham Junr.
David Buffum

Respected Friends
James Ramor & Ebenezer Pope. } Cambridge 14.th 12.th Mon. 1775.

We were in hopes of seeing you in Boston and afforded you with others the relief intended by our Brethren in Pennsylvania, & New Jersey, but finding that impractible at this Time, have obtaind the favour of general Washington, to Meet and confer with you publickly upon the Lines, and having sent in an address from our Meeting for sufferings to Gneral Howe; accompanyed with our desire of seeing you at the Time he may appoint. We desire you on receipt hereof, to wait upon the General for his permission & assistance, that we may confer together upon this busines; not Doubting your Conduct hath been Consistent with our peaceable Principles. We have a firm hope that the Humanity of General Howe, will induce him to descend to such notice of you, upon this occasion, as to afford you the needfull assistance, to bring us together, at the time he appoints, which we desire may be soon, That we may return to our Families in Safety; after thus contributing to the Relief of the Distress'd. We are Your assured Friends.

Signd as the other.

In Answer to our request to Gen.l Howe; we received the following Letter.

Gentlemen. Head Quarters 15th Dec.r 1775.

I am directed by Gen.l Howe to inform you, That the Meeting & Conference you desire with Mess.rs Pope & Ramor, cannot be granted. But if you will appoint a Day & hour, Al.r Loring the Sherriff will meet you at the advanced Works, And settle any business you may have.

I am.

Gentlemen, Your Hble Serv.t

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This being delivered by Col.o Henry Colton, we opened our business to him and desiring his assistance to get a Conference with our Brethren, he proposed to Write to the Gen.l & some Officers, with whom one of us was acquainted upon the Subject, & to Meet us in the Morning, which he did with the Sherriff of Boston, and Major Small, One of the Officers Mentioned, but the Gen.l still did not incline to let Our Friends come out. Under an Apprehension this would be the Case, we the Evening before, prepared a Letter to Our Friends James Ramor, & Ebenezer Pope, which we sent in as follows.

Roxbury 15th of 12th Mon.th 1775.

Dear Friends
James Ramor & Eben.r Pope.

We wrote you Yesterday, but not being admitted to a conference with you, have sent the inclosed Dra.t on Henry Sloge for £100 Sterl.g which please to receive, And dispose of to such poor necessitous persons in Boston, As are not Concerned in carrying on, or promoting Military Measures, without Regard to Religious Sects or Political parties; Taking Care to preserve our religious Testimony Against Wars & Fighting pure; This being the particular directions of Friends in Philadelphia, and agreeable to our Own sentiments; and also that a very particular Acco.t be kept of the distribution, the Names of the persons Number of Children, or Family occupation, Religious Profession &c in a List According to the Sample Inclosed, & remove any prejudice by mistaken representations & transmit an Acco.t to us, or some of us, As Soon as may be, with such necessary advices of the usefulness of a further Sum; that should opportunity Offer; and we have it remaining, it might be sent. On Consideration of the scarcity & Expensiveness of living in Boston, And your Circumstances in Life, we think it

It advisable for you & other Friends there to remove into the Country, not Doubting your Conduct hath been so inoffensive as to mut the assistance of the General, to let you come out when you may conclude it best, And we hope with such Necessaries of Life as will enable you to Settle in Some Quiet habitation, where you may continue to Live peaceably with all Men, But above all, whatever your Outward Circumstances Are, we exhort & Intreat you, firmly to rely on him, who rules in the Armies of Men, & However he may for Wise purposes, suffer them to afflict, and Scourge Each other, they who faithfully and humbly wait for his Strengthening Influence, shall Witness the Reigning of the prince of Peace; To whom he commend you, & with the Salutation of Love do You farewell. ——

& You will Consider your selves & other Friends, Signd. as before.
Equal sharers in this Donation According to your Necessities ——

The officers both within & without, treated us with Civility & Kindness, offering their assistance to get out an Answer upon our return with an account of the distribution, that we might judge whether a further Sum would be useful, We prefere (under all the Circumstances that appear) sending in a Bill, rather than the Money. this errand being thus left, we all proceeded to Lynn, & Salem, where being informd of the distresses of the People of Marblehead, we visited & relieved a Number of Families, with the assistance of our Friends, Jeremiah Hacker & Samuel Collins, & the Select Men of the Town, we found the People here very necessitous, Wanting Victuals, Wood, & Clothing. The next day we visited in Salem the Select Men attending from House to house, of the poor, and found them very needy, but not altogether so much so, as at Marblehead, Four of the Committee Leaving Thomas Moore & Jeremiah Hacker to finish at Salem, set off for Cape Ann, where a general List was made, the Select Men accompanying, And the people appeard to be in more difficult Circumstances than at either of the other places, Taking opportunity of distributing divers Charities in Several places on the Way, We returnd to Lynn, where we wrote by, Thomas Lapham & Benjamin Arnold who came before (While David Buffum, Moses Brown, & Sam. Collins, went on toward Point Shirley, Thomas Moore staying to accompany Our Friend, Thomas Gothrop) the following Letters. viz.

Respected Friends } Lynn 25th of 8th Mon. 1775.
James Raymor & Ebenr. Pope. }

The severity of the Weather, & our having been

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farther Eastward than we Expected, when we last wrote you, hath prevented our waiting at the Lines before, for your Answer to our last, with your Acco.t of the Distribution of the Bill remited, and your opinion, & advice respecting the Usefulness of a further Sum, to be distributed among the poor agreeable to our former directions. but being now on our return, are desirous of the necessary information for Our Government, as soon as may be. As the Sherriff Sowring, (who by the direction of the General, waited on us at the Lines) kindly offered his Assistance to get your account, & Letters, and deliver them to us, Upon our return; We have now wrote, & direct this Under Cover to him, And desird him to Convey us Your Answer by to Morrow at 4 OClock; which please to furnish him with.

Friends here and at Salem are generally well, We are your Friends.

Signd as the Former
Except Thomas Shere

Friend Sowring — Lynn 25.th 12.th Month 1775.

As thou wast kind enough to Offer to wait on James Ramor, & Ebenezer Sope, and bring us to the Lines An Account from them of the Distribution of the Money Drew on Henry Lloyd for, We have now to desire Thee, to deliver them the inclosd Letter, & to Convey to us their Answer, which some of us will wait for, to Morrow at 4 OClock in the afternoon; And if it cannot be done by that time please to direct the Letter &c. to Moses Brown at Providence; who will take Care duly to Answer it in Course. Thy Complyance may be of Service to the poor; And will be kindly accepted by thy Friends.

Signd as the above

PS. If Ramor & Sope, should recommend a further Sum to be Sent, and the Answer is not got out to the Friends in waiting to Morrow, please to Inform Henry Lloyd. I would have him postpone remiting the Monies Wrote him about till further orders, as it will be difficult to send Money in when we are not present, It may be more Convenient to draw on him for what we want to Send.

On the Point were found a Considerable Number of poor people, who Came out of Boston, And a Number who had been there the 21 Days appointed, to prevent the Spreading of the Small Pox. being Cleansed, removed to another place, were also visited & relievd. For an Account of the particular Objects, & the Sums Distributed to Each, we Refer to Acco.t taken & herewith presented. The whole number

Number of families being Upwards of A Hundred. We can say altho this Task was attended with some toil, in the Cold Season, which it was performd in, Yet we Experienced Satisfaction in it & Returning Safely to our Families in about Eighteen Days. Signd Benj. Arnold
David Duffum
Moses Brown

The above report being Read is Accepted. And Jeremiah Hacker is added to the Committee for distributing the donations, & Samuel Collins of Lynn, is desired to assist him therein.

In respect to Elizabeth Sims being assisted to get out of Boston, it appearing to this Meeting, by a Letter from Ebenezer Pope, Dated 29th of 11 Mon. 1775. in Answer to One wrote by Jeremiah Hacker Upon this Subject, that she has not had any thoughts of trying to leave the Town before Spring, and it seems to be considerable Composd, therefore this Meeting Stands clear in that respect.

This Meeting is adjourned to Second Day Morning at 10 o'Clock at Sherborn the 15th of 12 Mon.

The Meeting Met by adjournment.

Thomas Gilbreth, Aaron Tait, Robert Willis, Paul Coburn, & David Sands, also attending. This Meeting directs the Advice of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, which was adopted by this Meeting, at their last adjournment to be Recorded next following that Minute.

Giles Hosier having appeard before this Meeting at their last adjournment, and Informd that he had lately suffered, by having his goods forcibly taken from Him by Will.m Burley, on refusing to receive in pay for them certain Paper Bills lately Issued, And as this is the first instance of a Friends suffering on this Acct. that hath come to Our knowledge. And we being desirous of promoting a due attention to every Religious Scruple, We abhorrent our Friends Joshua Toral, Nicholas Shreve Junr. & Isaac Chase to Visit the said Friend, Examine the Circumstances by Conferring with the said William Burley (Son of Samuel) or Otherwise, as they think proper, Give the said Friend such advice as may appear Necessary further than this Meeting hath already given upon this Subject, which they are to Communicate to him, & make Report to this Meeting at their next Sitting.

At a Meeting of the Comitte, for Sufferings held at Providence 13th of 2m: 1776.

Present, Thomas Greer, John Collins, Thomas Lazare Benj.a Arnold, Joshua Dean, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Austin, David Buffum, George Gindle, John Casey, Thomas Lapham Junr Isaac Sanford, Jacob Mott Junr.

The Committee to visit Gyles Hosier &c made a part, but this Meeting concluding that they had not so fully enquired into the Circumstances as might be necessary, Do desire them to take back said Report. And they with Jeremiah Austin & George Arnold, Are Appointed to make further inquiry & Report to this Meeting at our next Setting: — This Meeting adjourns to the 6th Hour to morrow Morning

Met by adjournment.

The Friends that stand appointed to distribute the Donations (from Friends at Pennsylvania & New Jersey) not having fulfilld the same so as to report to this Meeting (are Continued for that Service, And to proceed in the following Manner) Viz David Buffum, Obadiah Worcester, & the Towns adjacent, And Ezekiel Comstock, & Gardner Earle, are desired to assist him, Thomas Hazard, who is added to said Committee, And Moses Brown, To visit the Towns lying Westerly & Northerly; Cambridge & thereaway.

Isaac Sanford (who is added to said committee) Jno Jacob Mott jun; to visit Newport, & the Towns on Rhode Island: — And Samuel Gould & Barzilla Tucker are desird to visit such objects as shall come within their enquiry. And all to make report of their proceedings to our Meeting in next Month. —

The following was sent to Jeremiah Hacker.

Respected Friend. Providence 13th of 2 Mon: 1776.

This Meeting having Under Consideration the suffering Circumstances of the late & present Inhabitants of Falmouth, in Casco Bay, And the Towns on the Sea Coast, from Cape Ann thither, And being desirous, the Concerns of our Western Brethren, should be as generally & usefully felt as may be, to distributing their Donations Committed to our Care to such objects of Charity as may stand in Careful Instruction to found there, And as thou art Considerably on the Way thither, And one Member present seems at Liberty to Undertake the Journey, We do desire thee to get Some Suitable Friend to Accompany thee, there, and make distribution of a Sum not Exceeding £200 L. M. to Suitable objects present, And make return as soon as may be to this Meeting. If are sensible thou

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hast a burthensome task. Nevertheless we hope the consolation & Comfort that may be administred by thy Christian Care, May be rewarded with that Peace & Satisfaction accompanying the Tender Care of the Faithfull; With desires for thy preservation therein, We remain thy Friends & Brethren.

Signd In & by Order of said Meeting by. Thomas Sapham Jr. Clerk

P.S. The poor that have lately come out of Boston,
the Trust hath, & will be attended to by Samuel Collins, &
thee, If no Opportunity offers for the Treasurer to send down the Money with safety, before thou can attend the Service required please to get it of some persons among you, If thou hast it not Until then comes up or Opportunity offers to send down.

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the 3 Month 5776. Present, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Steere, Samuel Gould, Nathan Daves, Caleb Russell, Joshua Doval, Ebenr Chase, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Austin, Theophilus Shove Junr, George Arnold, Thomas Sapham Junr & David Buffum.

The following report was read & accepted. Viz

Pursuant to our appointment we have generally visited, & distributed of the donation to the late Sufferers of Boston, Charlestown, now dispersed through the several Towns, Hereafter Named, & under Necessitous circumstances Viz. Medfield, Bolton, Lancaster, Marlborough, Sudbury, Weston, Reuben Hacing, And also to a Few of the Sufferers who were Necessitous in Sherborn, Holliston, Tothenry, Waltham, And Kenelma, the Number of Necessitous Families & Single Persons being 141. Am. Sum Distributed amongst them £270.4 a/c Account of particulars herewith —

Sig: { Thos Hazard (Son of Robert)
Moses Brown

David Buffum reports that He, with Ezekiel Comstock agreeable to appointment, have visited the Towns of Sutton, & Worcester, and Distributed £16.6 S. Money.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 3. Hour this Afternoon. —

Met by adjournment. — Jacob Mott Junr attended at this time. —

Jacob Mott Junr reports, that he with the assistance of Isaac Lawton hath distributed to the Sufferers in Newport on Rhode Island a Considerable Sum, but not having the exact Acct with him, It is with Isaac Lawton is still continued to make further Distribution, according to appointment, & no report to our Meeting in next Month.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 8th hour to Morrow Morning.

The Meeting Met by Adjournment.

Samuel Gould Reports, that by Reason of Indisposition of Body, he has done but little in distributing, According to appointment. Therefore He is Still continued for that Service, And Nathan Davis is appointed to assist him in the place of John Rogers. And they to report to Our Meeting in next Month.

Joshua Doval Caleb Russell, are appointed to go to Lynn, & Join Samuel Collins in distributing the Donations under our Care, to the necessitous in them parts, and make Report to Our Meeting in Next Month.

Ebor Chase, & Theophilus Shove Junr, are appointed to make enquiry after, & Relieve Objects, that comes within the intention of said Donation, in the Town of Swansey, & through the Several Towns to Bridgwater, And other Towns that May come under their Observation, And make Report to Our Meeting next Month.

Three of the Friends to visit Gyles Hosier. &c make the following Report which was Read, & Accepted, and is as Follows.

Agreable to appointment, We the Subscribers, Ebor Chase & Theophilus Shove Junr not attending have had an Opportunity with Gyles Hosier & William Hersey, respecting the matter of Controversy between them, And gave such advice As we thought Necessary. And the matter was Settled as it appeared to us: to the Satisfaction of both parties.

Signd { Joshua Doval, Jeremiah Austin, George Arnold.

The following Epistle was received from Friends in Philadelphia, & Read to wit, viz.

To Our Friends & Brethren, at their Meeting for Sufferings at Providence.

Dear Friends.

On the Return of Our Friends David Evans, & John Parrish, we Receive your Epistle, which was very acceptable; We have Before acknowledged it, in Expectation of being favoured with another, Conveying An Account of the State of the distress poor in your Country, and of your progress in distributing what we sent towards their Relief. Your engaging in that difficult Service on the same principles of benevolence which induced us to request it of you, And your concurring with us in Sentiment, Respecting the Manner of Doing it, Confirmd our hope Expressed that Our intentions would be Answered, And that the Reward of Peace Would be Granted you in The Performance of it.

By the Minutes of your Meeting of the 11th & 13th of Last Month Communicated to one of our Committee by our Friend Moses Brown, we observe you have received Four Hundred Pounds your Currency, for Bills drawn by our said Friend Moses Brown on us, for Five Hundred pounds this Money, and that he with others of your Committee, had visited a great Number of the Suffering Poor, and some of them in Remote Corners, at a time when the Relief convey'd to them was very necessary, and Acceptable: Their great Care and diligence in Entering upon and going through it at that pinching Season, And the prudent Method they pursued to obtain information of the Circumstances, and fitness of those they selected as Objects of Regard, have so fully satisfied us that Now we acknowledge it: We do not find anything necessary for us to mention, but that, as from their not knowing at the beginning of the Distribution, what Numbers would be partakers thereof, the Sums given were smaller than as afterwards appeard might have been allowed, especially to those who had large Families, and living remote, less likely to receive much other assistance: We are therefore in hopes you have before this time conveyed to them a further Supply, and that you will soon be able to send us an account of the Circumstances of our Friends in Boston, And of the distribution they have made of the Sum, you Sent them, to which no Doubt you will make such addition as may appear necessary, or if you have not Received an Answer to your several Letters, that you will endeavour to obtain by some other Means, a true Account of their present State. — The Circumstances of Friends and others in Newport, appearing to be very distressing, we are desirous as they are near and in your power, to afford assistance to them, as it is wanting: that they may be the particular objects of your Care. — For the Satisfaction of Our Friends who freely entered into the Contribution, & to remove the Scruples some others have had: we have found it expedient to communicate to them the substance of the Account we have received of your proceedings in this Service, And hope it will have the desired effect in a good Degree, that when you are so kind as to favour us with your further Account of the distribution of what we sent you, it may be in our power to make an addition thereto; if it shall appear to be necessary. —

We have not lately heard from our Friends on Nantucket, as they sent for and obtained some supply of Flour & Bread from hence in the beginning of the Winter, we are in hopes, they have not been subjected to so great difficulties as we were apprehensive of. — The Brotherly Regard & Concern, you express for us, accompanyed with a becoming Zeal for the maintaining our Christian

Christian Testimony, And your desires for our preservation on the only sure Foundation, evidence that true Love and Fellowship, which we desire may ever be maintaind And mutually subsist between us; it is at all times desirable but more sensibly so in these times of probation and affliction, when the strictest care is necessary to guard against every thing that would tend to lessen, or break the Unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of that peace which passeth the Understanding of those who are Unhappily captivated by the selfish violent Spirit now Lamentably prevalent in many, who have made profession of the blessed Truth; But by their works appear to Deny it. — The Conduct and proceedings of such is cause of affliction and distress, to those who sincerely desire and labour for their restoration, with an upright concern for their welfare, and that the Cause of Truth and Righteousness may be preferrd to every other Consideration: Yet our hope is at times renewed, that a Large Number is and will be preserved in the Faithfull discharge of duty, in Meekness, patience, & Charity, in the aboundings of which we are sensible our truest endeavours, to attain a greater degree of purity may be manifested, and true Unity be kept to and maintaind. — We Fervently desire that this may be our happy Experience, And with the Salutation of Brotherly Love we Remain: —

Your Friends and Brethren: —

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings, held in Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania & New Jersey, 15th 2m° 1776. } John Pemberton Clerk.

The Following Epistle was Concluded On Viz.

To Our Friends & Brethren in their Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia.

Dear Friends.

Your Epistle Dated 15th of 2d Month, having been Read to our Satisfaction, We now Inform you, that Care hath been taken to visit Revisit the Poor in Newport, Marblehead, & some others to the Eastward, Inward of 200 Families in the former have been partakers of your liberality, to their great Comfort in the late inclement season Wood, as well as some Provisions having been purchased therewith, & distributed, as well as Monies, — About 160 Families that removed from Boston, & Charlestown, into the Towns within about 20 Miles of Boston, have been visited & relieved, being in 14 Different Towns: —

And

And altho it was attended with much travel to look up the poor objects, yet we are not discouraged, having experienced a good degree of satisfaction therein: —

As we begun with distributing small sums, we continued in that manner till the receipt of Israel Pembertons Letter to Moses Brown, Mentioning our being much too Sparing, And the same being signified in your Epistle, we have since Increased the Sums: And having lately sent a Sum of Money down to Salem & Lynn, to be distributed there, And at Marblehead, Cape Ann, Falmouth, & other Towns at the Eastward, and engaged four Friends to diligently attend the service till it is accomplished; We hope by our next Meeting to Compleat the Accot: and Forward you Lists of the whole distribution: When that is done, we shall be better able to Inform respecting a further Sum; In the interim, our Care & diligence will not be wanting to visit & relieve the poor of Newport, Plymouth, And elsewhere, where something hath been already done, but there Remains a great Number yet in needy circumstances: —

Nantucket, as yet have had no part of the donation, there being no Member from thence, can't give a very late account, but by the last advices they were not very necessitous. Except for the want of Fire Wood, which hath been very scarce there; Numbers of Families having been obliged to use Peat for Fuel; But as the small Rivers are now open hope they will soon be supplyed: —

The Poor of that Town were increased, but no great Distress, had appeared among them: —

The draft sent into Boston, was not paid, which as it appears by our Friends Letters, & verbal Accounts, they were Rather satisfied with, as they decline the Task of distributing the Monys under our limitations: Saying, It having been a sufficient Task to watch over our selves &c, And further said that it was not necessary to send them any Monies at present, they having some for present use, to buy the necessaries of Life, when Opportunity offered, They say nothing in Answer to our advice of coming out. —

There is a gleam of hope that that Dreded Town may be again open, for its Dispersed Inhabitants to go in & Out: But we cannot rely upon the present Prospect, The Scene of things are at this Juncture so precarious & Uncertain: —

It Affords Matter of Consolation, that there is grounds to hope there is a number preserved among you, in faithful discharge of duty, in meekness patience and Charity: Virtues so Essential & usefull in this day of proving & Trials: —

We Receive a Number of your addresses to the people in general, which we have divided at the several Quarterly Meetings: —

There has been a Brotherly Concern, attending our Minds, for the preservation of our Society. And the Epistle of our Antient Friend, Stephen Crisp. 1681 on Sewells History, has been proposed by some to be Reprinted: believing such a time as he points to, is at hand, And seeing the way of adopting his advice, we recite a Paragraph thereof, and refer the same, with the propriety & usefulness of reprinting the whole at this time to your Consideration. "When you see Divisions, & Parties, & Tendings in the Bowels of Nations, Ano Rumours in the Minds of People, then take heed of being Moved to this party or to that party; Or giving your strength to this, or that or Counseling this Way or that Way, but Stand Single to the Truth of God, in which, neither War. Rent. nor division is:— And take heed of that part in Any of you which trusts & Relies upon any Sort of the Men of this World:—

We salute you with Brotherly Love —— And are your Friends & Brethren: ——

Signd. In & On behalf of Our Meeting
for Sufferings held at Providence 12th 3m 1776 Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk.

P.S. Near the Conclusion of this Meeting,
a printed Pamphlet, intitled, A Letter from one Friend to some of his Intimate Friends on the subject of Paying Taxes &c. was Read: the Same being printed and published without our knowledge or Approbation; We Fear it may prove very hurtful to the Cause Of Truth, And tend to Subject those who have tender Scruples respecting paying Taxes towards Supporting War & sufferings; One of which we herewith send you And inform, that we Fear Friends are not all Clear Respecting its Rise, and publication, Therefore we have appointed a Committee to inspect from whence it Arose, & how it Came to be published, without our knowledge; And Endeavour the suppression of it.— & Advice from you in this or any other Case that may open in your Minds will be acceptable to us:

A Pamphlet, Entitled a Letter from One Friend to Some of his intimate Friends On the Subject of paying Taxes &c. was Read in this Meeting, And by a Letter from Caleb Greene of Bedford to Samuel Gould, Respecting said Pamphlet:— this Meeting suspects said Caleb to have been concerned in printing, and publishing the Same, without proceeding in the Method pointed out by Friends:—

Therefore Our Friends Jeremiah Austin, & Caleb Russell, are appointed to Inquire of Caleb Greene respecting it, And if it appears any other Friends have been concerned in Writing, Printing, or Publishing the Same that they Treat with

with them upon the subject. Manifest the disapprobation this Meting hath to proceedings so contrary to the good order of the Society, And endeavour the suppression of the further Spreading of them, as they appear to have a Tendency to suppress Tender and Religious Scrupies, in the Minds of those who are or may be exercised respecting the payment of Taxes, for the purposes of war, and obstruct the progress of the Reformation. — And yet we Mean not to suppress any reasons For the sentiments Any of Our Brethren may have whereby Light and instruction may be administred to the Body, in a manner consistant with the Leadings of Truth, from whence the Rule of having Manuscripts Rightly Sprang. —

And they to Make report to our next meeting. —

At a Meeting of the Committee for sufferings held at East Greenwich the 10th day of the 4th Month 1776. Present, John Collins, Thomas Steere, Thomas Hazard, Jonathan Nicoy, Benjamin Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Philip Wanton, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, John Casey, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, Barzilla Tucker, George Arnold, & Thomas Lapham jun.

Caleb Russell, & Joshua Doval, make report as Follows Viz.

Agreeable to Appointment, We have performed Our Journey to the Eastward, in Company with our Friend Samuel Collins, and distributed of the Donations, the Sum of Sixty nine pound Eighteen Shillings in the Manner & form, Expressed in Account. — (which is Accepted) Signed { Caleb Russell / Joshua Doval

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this Afternoon. —

Met by Adjournment, — Jeremiah Hacker attended at this time. —

This Meting adjourns to the 9th Hour to Morrow Morning. —

Eleventh Day, Met by adjournment. Jacob Mott Junr attended at this Time. —

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meting, that begins to day at this place. — 12th Day Met by adjournment.

And Adjourned to the 8th Hour to Morrow Morning. —

13th Day Met by adjournment.

Jeremiah Austin makes report, in writing the purport of which is, that he with Caleb Russell, agreeable to appointment, have visited Caleb Greene, respecting a Pamphlet lately Published on Taxation &c. And that said Caleb told them he was Employed by the Author to

To get it Printed and published. —— but did not know it to be a breach of any rule, & he said he would Endeavour to stop said pamphlet from spreading further. —— And further said, if he told who the Author was, he should forfeit his Word. —— And also that said Jeremiah went to the supposed Author who declind telling the Authors name, And justifyed his Conduct by Mentioning Several precedents, as by a Letter directed to this Meeting, Signd by Timothy Davis. —— Now as the opening of the appointment of Jeremiah Austin, & Caleb Russell, is not fully Answerd, nor the Work finished, Therefore they are Continued to compleat the Same. And Our Friends Jonathan Macey, Joseph Mitchell, & Isaac Lawton, are added to them who are desired to acquaint Jain Greene, in behalf of this Meeting, that as he had (being ignorant of the Rule of the Society,) been Concernd in publishing the aforesaid Pamphlet become a Transgressor, And tenderly intreat him to reconcile himself to his Brethren, by making Satisfaction to the Monthly Meeting to which he belongs.

And also to further Treat with Timothy Davis the Supposed Author Endorsed the name & behalf of this Meeting, Ask him whether he was any ways concernd in writing, Indicting, Correcting, or publishing (The aforesaid pamphlet.)

And let him know that the Meeting desireth and Expects from him a plain & Direct Answer, According to the Encouragement given in his Letter to this Meeting.

And to take any other Measures, and Means, that may be thought requisite to find out the Author of said Pamphlet, And to prevent the ill consequences that it hath a Tendency to produce, and make report to Our Meeting in next Month. ——

Nathan Davis & Samuel Gould Reported by Letter that they have Distributed of the Donations in our care in Nine Several Towns, One Hundred Thirty Two Pounds, Four Shillings, as by account Lodged. ——

Jeremiah Hacker, Reports, that he hath Distributed of the Donation agreeable to appointment in the Towns of Falmouth, &c. according to the Lists lodged.

This Meeting appoints, Moses Farnum, & Thomas Lapham Junr (and desires George Arnold, to assist them) to Audit Our Treasurers Accompts. And they with Moses Brown are appointed to inspect the lists of the Distributions And to prepare an Acct to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia & Make return to the adjournment of this meeting.

This Meeting being Informd that our Friend James Chace on Rhode Island has of late been brought under sufferens, by a number of Soldiers being Quartered at his House contrary to his mind. Therefore our Friends Shilick Hanton, Isaac Sawton, Jacob Mott Junr. Thomas Hazard & Jonathan Macy, are appointed to inspect that Matter, and if necessary visit and assist Him in obtaining relief, and make report to our Meeting in next Month.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Fourth Day before the last fifth Day in this Month at Nonsaket in Smithfield, at the 12th Hour.

Met by Adjournment, Present, Thomas Sapham Junr, David Buffum, Theophilus Shove Junr George Arnold, Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum & Moses Brown.

The Friends apponted to Audit the Treasurers Acco.ts &c, made report that they find he has paid out £7.13 9 More than he has received, incuding what he has already received towards Barclays Apologies, and what is still due for the Six Hundred of them Books that are come from Philadelphia. Said Friends also Inform, that they have Examind the Lists of the distribution of the Money from Philadelphia, as far as have come to hand, the Amount of which is £1968. 6. 2 p, And they prepared a Letter for the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, which was approved, and signed by the Clerk, which with the Aforesaid Lists are Ordered to be Sent. The said Letter and Summary acco of the Donation is as Follows (Viz.t)

To Our Friends & Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings, at Philadelphia.

Dear Friends.

We wrote you the 12th of last Month, Since which we have Heard nothing from you. The principal parts of the Lists of Distributions was delibered Us, And before our last Meetings; but some being behind, And it Requiring sometime to Examine, & prepare Copies to send you: We Apponted a Committee, And adjourned to this time to compleat as far as may be the Accounts. Inclosed you have Lists of the distributions Amounting to £1968. 5. 2 p Sawfull Money as appears by the Summary Account. The Remainder when Received we purpose forwarding you.

The Island of Nantucket in General, as well as Friends in particular having

having had a Care over the Poor of the Island, (Perhaps more than in other Towns where the Wealthy had Moved out) They have not distributed any of your Monies, tho, a Sum was allotted them, And Friends wrote to on the subject.

But their being several Friends off, at Our late Meeting; by whom we learn there are many poor, destitute of Money to Purchase Wood, &c tho. their Supplies of Provision have not so generally Failed. — We have directed an Inspection, and distribution, of £ 50 Pounds Lawfull Money, being something more than remaind, unappropriated. — — About the Sum of £100 (In Jeremiah Hackers, & Samuel Collin's hands) We have directed to be carried to Boston. — You will see by the Number of the poor and the Sums Distributed, that many will soon want further assistance, more than can be expected Friends can supply. — And there are in Plymouth and other Towns many Objects, who have not been visited. — Newport remains in very poor Circumstances, as well as several Towns to the Eastward; And we think the Infirmities of the Inhabitants of Rhode Island are increasing. —

Your Liberality having been fully Manifested already to the poor in these parts, And hearing of the distressed situation of the poor People of New York, & the Southern Colonies; We can say but little to Encourage a further Sum to be sent this Way, More than to give you a general Account, That there Remains great Numbers very poor and Needy. — The kind reception of your Charity, with the Satisfaction attending the distribution, hath fully Compensated for the great Travil, time and Care in the performance of it — Many Hearts appeard to be comforted, And Strength & Consolation Administred. — The affluent in Circumstances, may be Encouraged in Doing good with their Substances, Remembring that they who give to the Poor, Lend to the Lord. — We Salute you in Love & Remain your Friends & Brethren.

Signed, In and On behalf of Our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield, by adjournment the 24th of the 4th Month 1776. By.

Thomas Shapham Junr Clerk.

# Summary Acco^t Of the Distribution Of Friends Donation To the Suffering poor Of New England.

List N^o 1 Containing 146 Donations, to Families whose number Makes 411 Persons, being the Inhabitants of Marblehead, Manchester & Gloucester on Cape Ann, & Salem, And the dispers'd Inhabitants of Boston, & Charlestown in several Towns Amounting to L Money. £122.12.6

Note this List Sent Israel Pemberton, by Moses Brown.

List 2 Contains 274 Donations, to Families including 838 Persons. in And from the Same Towns ..... 198.9.10

List 3 Contains 152 Donations to 420 persons in the same Towns, Which Compleats the first visit Eastward; And the Second on Point Shirley, in Chelsey ..... 93.11.2

List 4 Contains 201 Donations, in Marblehead, the second time going thro: of which about 165, had been visited And Relievd, the 36 Families now first visited Contain 96 persons ..... 134.15.11

List 5 Contains 288 donations, in Salem the 2^d time, and in Danvas to the Inhabitants thereof and the People of Boston, & Charlestown removed there, of whom about 259 persons, had been before visited & Relieved, the 38 Families now first visited Contain 129 Persons ..... 129.12.-

List 6 Contains 139 Donations, Made in Falmouth, and the Towns between there & Cape Ann, the Number of persons 539. ..... 138.17.9

N B. There was left in some Friends hands, Some Grain, Pork fall & Money to be distributed on the Island of Shoals, &c. List not yet Received, To the Amount of ..... 10.--

List 7 Contains 158 Donations, made in 18 Different Towns, to the dispers'd Inhabitants of Boston, & Charlestown, Principally; being 522 persons ..... 251.7.8

Carried Forward. £1199.6.10

Brought Forward ..... £1199. 6. 10—

1st N°. 8. Contains 85 Donations, to the Inhabitants on the Sea Coast, Southward of Boston, some People removed from thence, & a Second Visit to Glocester on Cape Ann, being to 568 persons, £267. 10. & 11. 11 left with the Select Men to distribute. } 212. 4 ...

1st .... 9 Contains 330 Families, to whom about 600 donations, were made at different Times, the Families containing 1267 Persons, in the Town of Newport. .... 092. 14. 2

1st .. 10 Contains 114 Donations to Persons removed from Boston & Jamestown, with Acco. of 2d Visit to Manchester & Lynn, being to 450 persons .... 164. .... 2/2

£ 1968. 5. 2/2

Deducting the Sums, of which there is yet no particular Acco. of the distribution .... 74. 14 —

£ 1893. 11. 2/2

Sanford Money.

Which hath been Distributed in 215 Sums, to 1172 different Persons. & Families; Numbering in the whole 5220 Persons. —

See page 71 for addition to Acct Sent on Amt £332. 13. 4
See also the Whole Acct Corrt page 90 Amt £10
£2540. 15. 5 Lawful Money

Saves.

At a Meeting of the Committee For Sufferings held at Providence the 15th of 5th Mon: 1776. Present, John Collins, & Thomas Hazard, Jeremiah Hacker, Isaac Sanford, Moses Barnum, John Casey, Benjamin Arnold, Jeremiah Austin, Thomas Slocum, Nathan Davis, Ebr Chase, Moses Brown David Buffum, George Arnold, Thomas Tapham Junr. Theophilus Shove Junr

The Committee to treat with Caleb Greene & Timothy Davis, do report which is Accepted, & is as follows (Viz.)

Agreeable to appointment, We have treated with Caleb Greene, & Timothy Davis, Respecting a Pamphlet lately printed &c. Said Greene appeard in a Disposition to make Satisfaction to the Monthly Meeting; And accordingly, wrote and Signd a few Lines Suitable as we apprehend to that purpose. — And said Davis Openly Acknowledged Himself to be the Author of Said Pamphlet. — & Jane, Caleb Russell, Jonathan = Macy, Isaac Sanford, Joseph Mitchell —

Dartmouth 17th 4 Mo. 1776.

Whereupon this Meeting sent said Timothy Davis the following Letter, viz.

Respected Friend.
Timothy Davis.

It Appearing by the return of the Committee appointed to visit and treat with thee, that thou art the Author of the late anonymous pamphlet on Taxation, It is with Concern for the Unity of the Church in General, And thy preservation therein in particular, that we address thee at this time, greatly desiring thou would Consider the Matter, occasioning our Concern herein, And endeavour to get down, in the Patient Humility wherein thou may be enabled to See that thy Conduct in publishing the Pamphlet, after the tender Caution taken in signifying the disunity, with the spreading thereof; is not justifiable. We being informed by Two of the Elders of the Meeting, to which thou belongs, that thou gave Such Incouragement, to suppress the same, that we rested satisfyed, that thou hae such a regard for the Discipline of the Society, & the unity therein, that no breach on that account would take place;

But seeing thou hast Unhappily fallen into this unexpected breach of Order, We affectionately Intreat thee to Strive as much as may be against that disposition which may at this time Endeavour to hinder thee from a State of reconciliation, which we earnestly desire, And to this purpose have desired Jeremiah Austin, & Ebr Chace, & Theophilus Shove Jun.r, to treat tenderly with thee, And inform thee, of the disposition We are in to be United with thee, in the Truth. And that we believe, if it be thy Choice to attend our next Meeting, And have with the favour of Divine Presence, A Brotherly Conference, It may be Useful to thyself As well as the Church; And Affort Satisfaction to this Meeting.

With desires for the preservation of the Church, and all its Members, We Salute thee: And bid thee Farewell.

Signed In, & by Order of a Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence; the 5th Of the 5th. Month 1776. By. Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk.

And said Friends Are to Make return to Our Meeting in next Month.

Adjourned to the 3d Hour this Afternoon. Met by Adjournment.

Thomas Hazard & Isaac Sawton, make report, that agreeable to appointment, they made enquiry and found that the Soldiers Quartered at James Chace's, On Rhode Island, removed to Newport, soon after Our Meeting in last Month.

This Com.t concludes to Meet at Portsm.o on Rhode Island at the 10.th hour in the Forenoon, on Fourth Day before the Yearly Meet.g to be held there next Month.

At a Meeting of the Committee for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 12th of the 6th mo 1776. Present Thos. Steer — Thos. Hazzard — John Collins, Benjamin Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott junr. Moses Brown, George Arnold, Thos. Lapham junr. Phillip Wanton, John Casey, John Rogers, Joshua Sweet, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Hacker, Theophilus Shove junr. Caleb Gifford, — and our Friends David Ferris & John Parry, from Pennsylvania attended at this time.

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia the 9th of the 5th mo. last was read in this Meeting, and kindly accepted, & is as follows,

To Our Friends, and Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings at Providence

Dear Friends, The information we have received by your Epistle of the 12th of the 3d month, is very satisfactory to us, & we are fully convinced of your care and diligence in the Distributions you have made to the distressed poor in the different parts of your Country; as it was a work of much travel, & difficulty at that season of the year, we hope the reward of Comfort, & Peace is granted to the Friends immediately engaged therein, & will encourage your attending to the service until it is accomplished.

The Communication with Boston being opened soon after you wrote to us, we Expect you have had the opportunity of knowing the particular circumstances of Friends & others there, & as we observe you had a prospect of soon compleating the Distribution of the money sent you, & that a great number remained in need of further relief, we have concluded, if you stand in necessity of a further supply, you may by a minute of your Meeting authorize your Treasurer, or any of your members to draw on our friend John Reynell, for any sum not exceeding five Hundred Pounds Pennsylvania Currency, which shall be immediately paid.

The Continued communication of Intelligence respecting the State of Friends, & others, & of the Distribution of the whole of these Donations, will be acceptable, and if they are not only a relief & benefit to the distressed poor, but have a tendency to make good impressions on the minds of some who have been prejudiced against Friends, & engage them to enquire into our Religious Principles, we shall be confirmed in our hope & belief that it is an acceptable service to the Lord, by whose favour we are preserved in a Capacity of Dispencing to those who are subjected to many sufferings, we have not yet Experienced.

We are united with you in a Religious concern for the preservation of

of our Brethren in the city and jurisdiction, & leave the advice contained in the Extract from our worthy Friend Stephen Grellet's Epistle, we believe seasonable if duly attended to, but on a former Consideration, & now on a review, it does not seem to us whether it will be advisable to reprint the whole at this time.

We are concerned to hear that there is cause to apprehend that some who would be accounted Friends, have been instrumental in any Publication contrary to the Testimony of truth, or which may tend to subject any of our Brethren to suffering, & hope your care therein will have a good effect.

The resolutions and proceedings of those now in power in many parts of our land are matter of deep affliction & exercise to the faithful, we are more and more confirmed in this, that "vain is the help of man," and that in the Lord alone is everlasting strength, may we wait diligently waiting on him, for such a station, as may be necessary for our support, & preservation, & thus become truely brethren in faith & patience

We salute you, in much brotherly love & remain your Friends & Brethren in & on behalf of our meeting for Sufferings, held in Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania, & New Jersey the 9th Day of the 5th Month 1778.

John Pemberton Clerk

P.S. Since the foregoing was prepared we have received your Epistle of the 2d of last month with an account of the distribution of most part of the money, fully manifesting your great attention to the service, and your information of satisfaction you received in it, and the manner in which it was received by many is truly acceptable, & comfortable, & confirms our hope that it hath been an acceptable service. —

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Jeremiah Austin makes report that he hath distributed of the Donations under our care, to the poor & needy in the several Towns of Boston, Salem, Malden, Berwick, & Marblehead, To the amount of £ 53-14-11 Lawful money; being the full sum that remained in his hands, as by List lodged.

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment. — Jeremiah Austin, Ebenezer Chase, Joseph Pickel & David Buffum attended at this time

The Friends appointed to treat with Timothy Davis, respecting a Purchase by him established &c. made report: by which it appears more labour is necessary, therefore they are still continued, and our Friends Thomas Ston Joseph Pickel, Joseph Brown and Isaac Lawton are added to assist them in further treating with him, in order

to Convince him of his misconduct respecting the publication of said Pamphlet, and make Report to next meeting.

The Clerk of this Meeting is desired to carefully preserve all the Letters and Papers that have been Read & lodged in this meeting, both those that are, as well as those that are not Recorded.

Adjourned to the 4th Hour tomorrow afternoon.

13th Day, met by adjournment; Samuel Gould attended at this time, & Philip Wanton was absent: ——— Moses Brown Treasurer of this Meeting is desired to draw on our Friend John Reynell, for the five hundred pounds mentioned in the late Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia the 9th of the 5th mo. last

Appearing to this Meeting by written & verbal accounts from several Monthly Meetings, that divers members of our Society have been sufferers by the Destruction of their goods, for fines for non appearance at Trainings &c. this Meeting refers that matter for further consideration.

Moses Brown, David Russum, & George Arnold are desired to draw an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting, which is adjourned to the 6th hour in the morning, on 7th Day next, at Newport.

15th Day met by adjournment. — Our Friends John Pemberton & Samuel Emlin attended at this time.

The Friends abovenamed have presented an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, which being read was approved of, & is as follows

To our Friends, and Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings at Philad.

Dear Friends,

We receive your Epistle of the 9th of the 5th mo. and glad are we that our proceedings in the Distribution have been Satisfactory to you. — Inclose is an account of the Distribution of the £70. Lyg in friends hands for Portsmouth, Newcastle, & other places thereaway, with an account of £53:14-11 distributed principally to the poor of Marblehead, where the People were very Needy. — The Town was being in Boston, and the unsettled State of the Town for sometime after its being open, prevented the Committee that had the Money for that Town going through it, & there before they distribution was made elsewhere; Except about £30. and they now inform this Meeting that the Number of Poor was within the intention of the Donation, according to act.

Accounts receivd, was too large to meet a Distribution of so small a sum amongst; that being the case, & it appearing that some of the Inhabitants in & about Newport are very poor and needy, we have Directed our Treasurer to Draw on you, for the whole sum of £500, you mention, our Friend David Ferris also mentioning that it would be agreeable, altho' the whole may not be immediately rais'd. The poor Inhabitants of Newport seem to be relieved in some good Degree from their distresses, the season for imploy being now open, and the Harbour for some time more free from Interruption of hostile Armed boats. — The Friends some where else upon the Island, are enough to keep employ the Sum sent them in procuring Wood for the Poor which is not yet Effected, though they have been long about it, the Sums apportioned & Lists sent us; but as some alteration of Circumstances may make an alteration of the Proportions necessary before it is accomplished; we do not think it best to leave the List, containing about 50 Families, which we mention, as hereby you will be acquainted that the number of poor there, is far short of many other Towns.

To withdraw from the world & its friendships is necessary at all times for the Disciples of our Lord, but at such a time as this, when Darkness, Confusion, & the consequent Spirit of Violence is so lamentably prevalent among those who even profess to be followers of the Peaceable Saviour, but in their works deny him; it is Especially so: Their Spirit, Company, & Converse having Evidence many of the Professors of Truth into great Infection, and thereby occasion is minister ed to those now in authority, to go into the Extremes under which some are now labour; Nevertheless the faithful tho' brought under outward sufferings thereby will as they keep a Single Eye to the leadings of Truth, witness abundant inward Consolation. We are favoured with the Company of our Friends David Ferris, John Perry, Samuel Emlen, & John Pemberton, which is truly acceptable. — With our Salutation of Brotherly Love, we Conclude, & bid you farewell.

Signed in & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings, held at Philadelphia by adjournment the 15th of the 6th mo 1776.

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to lay the proceedings of this Meeting, in the year last, before the yearly Meeting in the early part thereof.

adjourned to the Conclusion of the yearly Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia

Met by adjournment — Isaac Lawrie, Jacob Wall, Junr John Cox, Joshua Evans

Jeremiah

Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Lacey, Jeremiah Austin, Eben Chase, & Joseph Mitchel absent. ——— Adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the yearly Meeting of business next second day in the forenoon; provided this Committee be continued. ——— Met by adjournment; the Members generally present; and adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Select Yearly Meeting.

10th Day. Met by adjournment. ——— The Committee appointed to treat with Timothy Davis informs this Meeting that they had an interview with him, on the 14th Instant in Company with our Friends David Ferris, John Perry, & Samuel Emlen, and the opportunity appeared favoured; Friends having been open in weighty, pertinent Counsel, & advice, & he receiving it with expressions of kindness; & they inviting him to the Meeting next day he attended, and after additional endeavours of the Strangers, John Pemberton being now present; as well as divers members of this meeting, & he manifesting a disposition that required the further care of this meeting, the same Committee is continued to treat with him, and endeavour for his assistance.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 10th Day of the seventh month 1776. Present Thomas Steer, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, John Rodgers, Caleb Russell, Samuel Gould, Isaac Lawton, Joshua Lovell, Moses Brown, Theophilus Shove jun.r Thomas Lapham jun.r Moses Farnum, George Arnold, John Collins, David Buffum, our Friends David Ferris & John Perry, attended at this time. ——— This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met by adjournment. ——— The matter referd to this meeting respecting Friends Sufferings for non appearance at Trainings, &c. was considered, & the following Epistle concluded on, (Viz)

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 10th of y.e 7th mo 1776.

To the Several Monthly Meetings in New England.

Dear Friends, We taking into solid consideration, that some of our brethren have already suffered in this time of Commotion, because for Conscience sake they cannot bear Arms, or Comply with any requisitions, inconsistant with our Religious Testimony, and it appearing probable to us that more trials of that kind may be permitted to come upon our Society, to try our Steadfastness in the true foundation; We find ourselves under a Concern that such as meet with these trials may manifest in every part of their Conduct, that they have Enlisted themselves as Soldiers under the

the Prince of peace; for if any should be so unwary as when Distrust is made, & their goods taken from them, to be caught in that Spirit in which wars are fomented & carried on, such, instead of maintaining our peaceable Testimony, will thereby wound the Cause of Truth, loose the reward of suffering for Righteousness sake, and bring reproach on our holy profession: Therefore we in brotherly Love, & from a Concern for the preservation of such as may be tried in this respect, earnestly press it upon such that they carefully endeavour to watch over their own Spirits, & let their words be few and savory, seasoned with grace, not suffering the loss of those fading things to have too much place in their minds, but in the contrary to have an Eye to the recompence of reward, remembering that those slights of sufferings, which are but for a moment, work a far more exceeding, & Eternal weight of glory for them who in faithful Obedience hold out to the end.

And We further recommend that each of this Monthly Meetings appoint a suitable Committee who may carefully collect in the Accounts of sufferings that have or may happen in said Meetings, and transmit a true account thereof to this Meeting, from time to time, without unnecessary delay.

We herewith send you Copies from the Meeting for Sufferings, & yearly Meeting of London, which contain many weighty & profitable advices, suitable for the present times; We recommend them to your care, not only in your publick Meetings, but in Solid retirements in your private families, and a careful observance thereof.

With the Salutation of Brotherly Love, and affection we remain your Friends, & Brethren.

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting by, Thomas Affsprum, Jun. Clerk

Ordered the Clerk is desired to send Copies hereof to the several Monthly Meetings

Moses Brown is desired to send One of the Copies which this meeting has lately got printed, to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia.

This Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow morning.

11th Day, met by Adjournment; and adjourned to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting which begins at this place to Day.

12th Day met by Adjournment, and adjourned to the 9th hour to morrow morning.

13th Day, met by Adjournment

David Buffum absent. — Most of the friends appointed to treat with Timothy & David, make report, by which it appears that they have attended that Appointment: but that Meeting being desirous to have a Conference with them respecting said Pamphlet, have desired them to attend our next Meeting, as by the following Letter

Respected Friend Timothy Davis,

We have had the satisfaction to be informed by the Friend who left a line from this meeting that thou art one with us, that it was an oversight, or mistake the publishing that anonymous Pamphlet in the manner thou didst, which information gives us some grounds to hope that the whole breach made respecting that Pamphlet may be rightly made up, and in order thereto We are unanimously desirous that thou would be so kind as to attend our Meeting in next month, at Providence, the Day after the second, second Day in that month, that we may sit down together, seek after Divine Enlightning, uniting vitue, that we may get near to each other, if possible, & be united in spirit, as brethren and Children of one family, which is the sincere desire of thy Friends,

Signed in & on behalf of the meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield, the 13th. of 9th. 7th. mo. 1776. by

Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

Edward Shove appearing in this Meeting, & informing on behalf of Elisabeth Hathaway, widow of Freetown, a member of our Religious Society, that she is likely to be soon under Sufferings, on account of a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay, & those called the Committee of Safety in said Freetown, in Consequence of said Act, and it appearing to us that a Committee may be useful in assisting the Widow, by advising her to dwell under a patient Sufferings spirit, & treating with the said Committee, or others Concerned

Whereupon we appoint our Friends Thomas Steer, Moses Farnum, and Thecophilus Shove Junr. to visit our Friend Elizabeth Hathaway upon the subject, and make full enquiry into the circumstances, and afford her such assistance as they in wisdom may be enabled to do, carefully attending to preserve our Religious Testimony. and make report to our meeting in next month

Moses Brown, and Thomas Lapham junr. are appointed to draw an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in London, and bring to our meeting in next month

The members present are desired to notify the absent members to attend our Meeting in next month in order to attend on some weighty matters that are expected to come before that meeting.

At a Meeting for Sufferings Specially Convened at Smithfield the 22. Day of the 7th. mo. 1776. Present Thomas Steer, Thomas Hazard, Philip Thurston, Benjamin Arnold, Jacob Hall Junr. Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, George Arnold, Thomas Lapham Junr. David Buffum &

the Several other Friends.

Jacob Mott Junr informing this Meeting that our Friends John Goddard, William Robinson, & Thomas Robinson of Newport, are likely to be brought under Sufferings in Consequence of an act of Assembly, made last month, requiring all persons that should be suspected to be Enemies to their Country, to subscribe to a Certain Test, &c. the said Friends having been called upon, and brought before some of the Representatives of the Town of Newport, & others in Conjunction with them, who required of them to subscribe to said Test, take the affirmation, produce from the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting they belong to, a Certificate that they are members of our Society: said Friends refused the two former, & desired time of Consideration respecting the latter: — they desire the advice of this Meeting therein. The same was Considered in this Meeting, which being small) is agreed for Consideration, that our Friends Jacob Mott Junr Philip Wanton, & Isaac Lawton are desired to advise, & assist our said Friends, as Opportunity may offer, and if they think necessary, to lay the same before the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island, for their approbation of Certificate, or otherwise as they in wisdom may think best.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th Day of the 2d mo. 1776. Present John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Joseph Sandwich, Jeremiah Slocum, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, Jeremiah Austin, John Rogers, Caleb Russell, Ebenezer Thayer, Theophilus Shove jr. John Casey, David Buffum, Moses Brown, George Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Lapham jun.

For Sandwich Quarterly Meeting 3 — Ebenezer Allen, David Bowman, and Benjamin Swift.

Thomas Lapham Junr makes report that he hath sent Copies of the Epistle from this Meeting in last month, to the Monthly Meetings according to appointment.

Moses Brown makes report that he hath forwarded the Epistles to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, as desired last month.

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment — Phillip Wanton attended at this time.

By a Letter from Timothy Davis it appears he is not disposed to attend this Meeting as desired, Therefore the following Letter was Concluded on, to

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 2d. of the 8mo. 1776. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Sandwich.

Dear Friends

We hereby acquaint you that by a Committee from our Meeting appointed to Endeavour to find the author of a Certain Anonymous Pamphlet on Taxation &c. we were Certified that Timothy Davis of your Meeting acknowledged himself to be the author thereof, and he having procured the printing and publishing the same Contrary to the ourChristian Discipline, and the previous advice of some of his friends, not to suffer said Pamphlet to spread, we have diverse times treated with him on the Subject, and altho' he at first endeavoured to justify his Conduct yet at a Conference of our last Committee with him, he told them he would Condemn that part of his Conduct, but not laying the Piece before the Committee, and leaving the matter with them, which is so far satisfactory; But as the said Pamphlet Contains matter disagreeable to our Christian Testimony, & Contrary to the practice of Friends in England for near a Century past, as well as divers instances in America; and as we apprehend the piece hath a tendency to mislead many, and produce unhappy Divisions and sufferings amongst us, it Consequently requires your Care, & faithfulness in order that a Publick Testimony go forth against said pamphlet and the manner of publishing it, either from the author, or the Society.

We therefore have appointed Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchel, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, George Arnold, & Ebenezer Slade, to lay the matter in Brief before you, and assist you in this matter, by treating with Timothy, and otherwise as may appear necessary.

Signed in, & on behalf of our said meeting by Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

This Meeting adjourns to the 8. hour to morrow morning

13. Day, met by adjournment. Joseph Southwick absent

Two of the Committee, (Thomas, Not being well) according to appointment Make Report that they have visited Elisabeth Hathaway, and enquired into the Circumstances, by Conferring with the Committee of Freetown, and gave such advice as they thought necessary. — part of the profits of the Land lying in Dighton, for the present year was sold at publick vendue before they went, and the other in Freetown since, and that they understand the Committee

Since told the Meeting that they should not Dispose of it at present, of that part in Freetown, but as that in Dighton appears not to be releas'd as yet, this Meeting appoints our Friendly Jeremiah Austin, & Theophilus Shove join to assist for the releas thereof, in such manner as they shall think best, Thomas Steer being Sick, & Moses Farnum's Family being unwell, they are excused from that service, and said Friends to make report to our meeting in next month ——— Jonathan Macy attended at this time.

This meeting adjourns to the 4th. hour this afternoon. ——— Met pursuant to adjournment Joseph Southwick present. ——— The Friends appointed to prepare an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in London, have presented one, which being read & corrected, was approved of, and is as followeth

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence, for New England the 13th. of the 8th. mo 1776.

To the Meeting for Sufferings in London.

Dear Friends,

Your Epistle of the 4th. of the 11th mo, 1774 to Friends in New England, having been read in our last yearly Meeting, and we being directed to acknowledge the receipt thereof, hereby inform you, that Immediately on its getting to hand, Copies were taken, & read in most of our publick Meetings, and hath been kindly accepted, and as the causes continue, which made the advice so seasonable, and a living Evidence attending at the yearly Meeting, that the advice therein Contained would be more useful, as it was more Generally Spread, we were directed to have it printed, which hath been done, and a large number struck off with the particular Epistle of the yearly Meeting of London, directed to Friends in America, and distributed to Friends Families in New England, a number of which is sent into the western Colonies, whose circumstances seem at this juncture, Equally to require attention to the advice therein given, with the New England Governments, as they are now under Sufferings in Consequence of the unhappy Divisions of Brittain & America.

Inclosed is our Yearly Meeting's Epistle which please to lay before the next Yearly Meeting of London ——— By accounts from Philadelphia Friends are under great & Exercising trials, & some are under actual Sufferings.

By Letters of the 18th. of last month, their large Meeting House was Occupied by Soldiers, that Friends had in Conference concluded to meet at

At it, & hold their Meeting that Day, if not forced out, which they did not expect. — By accounts from New York of the 5th Inst. Friends are Generally Moved out of that City, so that they have not kept up their Meeting for Sufferings; but at a later Meeting on Long Island, they had concluded to hold them on that Island. Some Friends of that yearly Meeting are under Sufferings & by accounts it is indeed a proving time among them. — We have Verbal accounts from all the Meetings East ward, belonging to this Yearly Meeting, by which it appears that in the Massachusetts Government we are generally preserved free from Sufferings, and it seems to be peaceable times among them, there now appearing one Case only, which is before this Meeting. — In this Government we are now generally free from persecution, except in the Case mentioned in the yearly Meetings Epistle tho' we have not been wholly without trials of other kinds.

These Circumstances Occuring since our yearly Meeting, & sensible being of the difficulties of keeping up a regular Communication, we tho't we might give you this Information; greatly desiring, however the Lusts of men in general may shut up, seperate, and destroy, that union & Fellowship which once subsisted between the Inhabitants of the two Countries; that we may continue to manifest to the world, that there is one universal parent of all, that his Obedient Children have no parties to Support; their desire being to promote the one peaceable Kingdom of Christ, thereby their own happiness, and the Divine glory, the End of the Creation of man kind; and so becoming fitted, and prepared to leave this State of mutability, may more fully enjoy that Kingdom in which there can be neither Rent, nor Division, forever: To this purpose we desire a Continuation of your Love towards us, on all Occasions. — With our Salutation of Love we conclude and are your friends, and brethren.

Signed in, & by Order of our said meeting, by, Thomas Lapham jun. Clerk

This Meeting again taking under Consideration a certain act of the General Assembly, called (lately made) the Test act, and also an act past in the 7th mo last, so far as they relate particularly to friends; wherein is provided that if any Friend bring a Certificate from the Clerk of the monthly meeting to which he belong, that he is in unity, such friend shall be excused from Certain Requisitions, & exempted from the Penalties mentioned in the Act: It is the Conclusion of this Meeting, that it may be safe,

for any Monthly Meeting to grant Certificate to any member or members
Also the proceedings of such meeting and adhering to said Certificate to the Satisfaction of said member
for the same, for the purpose aforesaid; Nevertheless it is earnestly
recommended to all such applying members to enter deeply into them-
selves, and not implicitly follow the sentiments of others, but see that their
proceedings therein are in the Liberty of the Truth: and the Clerk is
desired to send a Copy of this minute to the monthly meeting of Rhode Is-
land, and other monthly Meetings as occasion may require.

This meeting concludes to hold the meeting in next month at Swanzey.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 9th of y.e 9th mo 1776—

Present John Collins, John Rogers, Nathan Davis, Thomas Hazard, Benja-
min Arnold, Samuel Gould, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott jun.r Joshua
Deval, Moses Farnum, Eber Chace, Jeremiah Austin, Moses Brown,
Theophilus Shove jun.r Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Lapham jun.r George
Arnold.

The Committee appointed to advise & assist the Monthly Meet-
ing of Sandwich, in the matter respecting Timothy Davis, made report
to this Meeting that they had all of them, except Eber Chace (who by rea-
son of Sickness in his family, was absent) visited said meeting, and deli-
vered our Letter to them, and that said Meeting in Consequence thereof, has
appointed a Committee who had joined them in treating with said Timothy
upon the Subject of the Pamphlet according to appointment, and as that Meeting
and that Committee have taken charge of the Case, both as to the Contents of
the piece, as well as the manner of its publication, the said Committee is dismist

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met by adjournment. — The Committee appointed at our last Meet-
ing to solisit for the Release of this years Crop of Corn taken out of the
possession of Elisabeth Hathaway of Freetown, made Report that they had
been with some of the Committee who sold said Crop, but found no incou-
ragement for the release thereof, therefore our said Committee is released.

This Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow morning

10th Day, met by adjournment, Jeremiah Austin absent

This Meeting having under consideration the difficulties that have
arose, and may further arise amongst friends, in consequence of the present
State of Publick affairs; and being desirous of preserving our Religious
Testimony, by a uniform Conduct agreeable thereto; and our Brethren in

The Southern Colonies (being in like manner affected, and desirous of Uniting in practice, as well as in principle) are about to Confer at Philadelphia, and weightily to seek for best wisdom, and direction to conduct us rightly in these perilous times; — We desire our Friends Moses Brown, Joseph Nichol, & Thomas Lapham Junr to attend the Ensuing Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, and join with said Meeting or the Committee they may appoint, for these general services, carrying with them such acts, and Ordinances, as have been made in New England, affecting Friends, and their Religious Testimony, and take the sense and advice of Friends therein.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth, the 9th of the 10th Mo. 1776, present John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Moses Harnum, Caleb Russell, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, John Rogers, Eber Chace, John Casey, Benjamin Swift, Ebenezer Allen, David Bowerman, Theophilus Shove Junr. Jacob Holl Junr. Isaac Lawton.

This Meeting adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting on Sixth day next.

Met by adjournment. Jeremiah Hacker, Thomas Steer, Moses Brown, Jonathan Macy, and Joshua Davel attended at this time, and also William Rotch, Seth Gardner, Thomas Hicks, and Paul Greene, who were appointed to represent Rhode Island Quarter.

This Meeting is adjourned to meet at Portsmouth next month, at the usual time.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 11th day of the 11th mo 1776. Present 16 Members

The Printed Epistle of the last yearly Meeting of London was read, and this Meeting Concluding that it might be useful to reprint the same, do desire Moses Brown to procure 2000 printed Copies, and bring to our meeting in next month.

This meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow morning

12th Day, Met by adjournment — 16 members present.

Richard Delano made application to this Meeting, upon which the following was Concluded on. — — — — — — — — — — Viz

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island for New England, the 12th of the 11th mo 1776.

To Friends at Connecticut, New York, or the Jersies; but more especially those appointed by the Yearly Meeting at Flushing on Long Island to assist Friends in Suffering Cases ——

Dear Friends,

These may inform you that the bearer, Richard Delano appeared in this Meeting, with a Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, as a member of our Religious Society, and informed us that he had a Brother whose Name is Nathaniel Delano, who is also a member of our Society, belonging to the Monthly Meeting of said Sandwich, who went Master of a Vessel about the last of 5th mo, or beginning of the 6th 1775, on a Whale fishing voyage, on the Coast of Brazile, and was taken & carried into Antigua, where the Vessel was detained, and he being released got a passage in a vessel to St. Eustatia, from thence was returning homeward in a Vessel bound to Nantucket, was again taken, and carried to the Fleet near New York, on (by report) was unjustly detained on Staten Island; He has a Wife, and 6 children at home, in trouble by reason of his absence, & apprehensions of his confinement:— The bearer being now on his journey, to seek the release of him the said Nathaniel, and desiring our advice, we thought well to ask your assistance to procure his liberty, as way may open, and we desire our Friends John Collins to accompany, and assist the bearer in this his undertaking. —— Now as there needs caution that those for whom we make application to those in power, be such as are careful to maintain our Religious Testimony, we desire that the Conduct of him, the said Nathaniel, while he hath been absent, may be enquired into, that no just cause of reproach may be on Friends, if he in his Trials may have deviated from the Principle, tho' we have not heard of no such thing concerning him; yet being acquainted with human frailties, & but few of us having any personal knowledge of, or acquaintance with him, think such a Caution & Procedure necessary.

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting by, Thomas Lapham jun. Clerk

Two of the Friends desired in the 9th mo. last, to attend the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, make Return, which being read to Satisfaction is as follows.

To the Meeting for Sufferings now Sitting,

Dear Friends

Agreeable to your desire, We, with Joseph Nichol, attended the yearly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia, through the several Sittings, & the Committees appointed on the general concerns of the Society; and altho' our Journey in this time of Calamity, was attended with some Trials, Nevertheless, we have found Satisfaction in our Visit. We present you with a number of Printed Epistles from that Meeting; & Copies of other General Rules and advice sent down to their Quarterly, & Monthly Meetings, which we Submit to this Meeting

12. of 11. mo 1776

Moses Brown
Thomas Lapham Jun.r

This Meeting being informed that the poor in the Town of Newport will be in great necessity for wood in the ensuing Winter, Do appoint our Friends Joshua Davel, Isaac Lawton, & Jacob Mott Jun.r to purchase Sixty Pounds worth of wood for the use of said Poor, & the Treasurer of this Meeting is ordered to pay said sum to the Friends mentioned, out of the Donation sent us by Friends at Philadelphia

The General Epistles from the yearly Meeting of Philadelphia were divided, & sent down to the monthly Meetings.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9.th of y.e 12.th mo 1776. — Present 13 members; — Salem Quarterly Meeting Inform that they have appointed Samuel Collins, & Jonathan Dame, members of this Meeting to represent that Quarter.

Moses Brown makes report that he hath procured 2000 printed Copies of the London Epistle

This Meeting adjourns to the 3 hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment; — The following Letter was concluded on, viz.

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England, y.e 9.th of y.e 12.th mo 1776.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Nine partners in the Government of New York.

Dear Friends,

We have received an account that Solomon Haight, &

Jacob Dean, from your Monthly Meeting, are confined in, or near the Town of Exeter, in New Hampshire Government, & accused of being unfriendly to their Country, and for that they are removed from their near Connexions in Life, & put into a State of Exile: — We have taken their case under our serious Consideration, and see no way to apply for their freedom, as we know not the particulars whereof they are accused; and as we have received Intelligence, that the Chairman of the Committee, under whose care they now are, Says it's not in the power, or the power of New Hampshire Assembly to release them, unless they have further Order from those that sent them thither; Therefore we think it may be well for you to Inquire particularly what is alledged against them, & by way opens to Solicit those who sent them away, to permit them to return to their families again, and if we may be of any use to procure their liberty, we intend not to be wanting in that part, but should our assistance be needed shall be glad to be certified of the particulars alledged against them.

By a person lately taken and brought in hither we received one Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting held in London: — We have got a number printed and herewith send you four hundred, to be distributed among Friends belonging to your Yearly Meeting; And Dear Friends as it is a Day of Trial, may we all flee to the munition of Rocks for our habitation, where alone is safety from Storms & tempests; and as the advice of our Antient Friend Stephen Crisp, in his Epistle 1666, in Sewel's History is very suitable for us as a People to attend to at this time; We recite a Paragraph thereof, believing it may be strengthening to be revived to your minds, as it hath been to some of us: — "When you see Divisions, and Parties, and Rendings in the Bowels of Nations, and Rumours in the minds of People; then take heed of being moved to this party, or to that party, or joining your strength to this or that, or counseling this way, or that way; but stand single to the Truth of God, in which neither War, Rent, nor Division is; And take heed of that part in any of you, which Trusts, & Relies upon any Sort of the men of this world." —

With the Salutation of unfeigned Love to you, We remain your Friends and Brethren.

Sign'd on behalf of our said Meeting

by Thomas Lapham, Junr Clerk

This Meeting concludes to meet again at this place, on the first Second Day of the Week in next Month.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held by adjournment at Providence the 6th Day of the 1st mo. 1777.

Present Thomas Steer, John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Varnum, Joseph Mitchel, & David Buffum, Paul Greene, Moses Brown, John Casey, & Thomas Lapham Junr.

This Meeting taking under consideration, that the place for holding the next Quarterly Meeting, as it stands appointed is at Newport, and by Intelligence that we have received from a Friend, who lately came from Rhode Island, we understand that provisions are scarce there; therefore, and for other reasons, we think it best that said Meeting be held at Swanzey: and as it may be necessary that the Minutes of last Quarter be had at the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, & friends at Rhode Island notified of the place where the Meeting is concluded to be held, that the Representatives from that Monthly Meeting may be present; We have appointed our Friends, Thomas Steer, John Collins, and Moses Varnum to solicit for Liberty, and if obtained, to go on to Rhode Island, and notify Friends there, as aforesaid, and bring said Minutes to the Quarterly Meeting, and Benjamin Arnold, and Thomas Lapham Junr are desired to assist, in soliciting for said liberty, and make report as soon as Conveniently may be

This Meeting adjourns to the 2d Hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment.

The Friends to Solliset for Liberty to go to Rhode Island for the Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting, and notify friends there of the conclusion of holding the Ensuing Meeting at Swanzey, Report, that they have applied to the Council of War, for Liberty, But have not obtained it, some of the Council saying they were doubtful of their Jurisdiction in this matter, as there was an Act of the General Assembly prohibiting all Intercourse with Rhode Island, & the Inhabitants there, they refered the Consideration to the next Assembly there being other reasons assigned; such as relieving our own & other poor; yet Others did they could not grant our request, considering the British Fleet & Army were there, & the State of War subsisting between them & the Inhabitants of the Country. It is therefore the Opinion of this Meeting, that notwithstanding the want of our Records, & the absence of our Friends on the Island,

That the Quarterly Meeting be held at Swanzy as propos'd in the former Minute, & at the usual time; Viz. on the 5th day, before the 2d 6. Day of the month; hoping the Divine presence may still be vouchsafed to support us, in this time of singular Tryal & difficulty, however the feelings of men may be suffered to be towards us, for a tryal of our faith and patience

This Meeting adjourns to Swanzy, at the 10th hour, in the forenoon of the 8th. Day of this month.

8th Day; met by adjournment at Swanzy

John Collins, who was desired in the 11th month last to assist Richard Delano in soliciting for the release of his brother Nathaniel, who was said to be confin'd near New York, by the Kings Officers; Reports that he accompanied said Richard to Head Quarters, (so called) in York Government, and not being allow'd liberty to go to New York, sent a Letter to friends on Long Island, on the subject, & returned home; & since hath heard that said Nathaniel was dismist, about the time they set out on their journey, & is returned to his family.

Joshua Davel reports that he hath procured 11 Cords, & 1 foot of wood and sent to Newport, which cost £16 4s 6d L.M. as p. Receipt from Philip Wanton; & the reason of his not sending wood to the amount of 60 as directed in the 11th month last, was the British fleet lying at Newport, and the Communication to, & from the main being obstructed.

The meeting adjourns to the 3d hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment.

This Meting having yet on hand, of the Donations of Friends westward, Do direct the Treasurer of this Meeting to deliver Jeremiah Hacker Sixty pounds to distribute to the necessitous persons in Boston, & further Eastward where it may be necessary; observing the Instructions heretofore obliged; and Samuel Collins, & Jonathan Dame, members of this Meeting, are desired to assist Jeremiah in the Distribution.

The Treasurer is also directed to deliver to any member of this Meeting such a Sum as may be thot necessary to be distributed within their knowledge between this, & our Meeting in next month, at which time they are desired to make return; and also to send to the members of this Meeting on Rhode Island, if opportunity offers, a sum not Exceeding £100 ~

This Meeting being informed that several Friends at South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, have suffered from the Military Officers, for non appearance at Trainings & other Military Requisitions, Therefore our Friends Thomas Hazard, John Collins, and Paul Greene are appointed to Solicit said Officers to desist from such proceeding.

The Meeting adjourns to the close of the Quarterly Meeting next sixth Day.

6th
10. Day, Met by adjournment.

No further business appearing this Meeting ended with concluding to meet again on the first 3d Day of the week in next month at Providence

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 4th Day of y$^{e}$ 2$^{d}$ mo 1777. Present 14 Members.

Several of the friends who have received of the Donation in our care, not having distributed all they have, and hearing of those that are in Necessity, who they have not visited, are desired to be more careful to discharge their Duty in that respect, and make return to this meeting in next month

The meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met by adjournment, & adjourn'd to the 9th hour to morrow morning

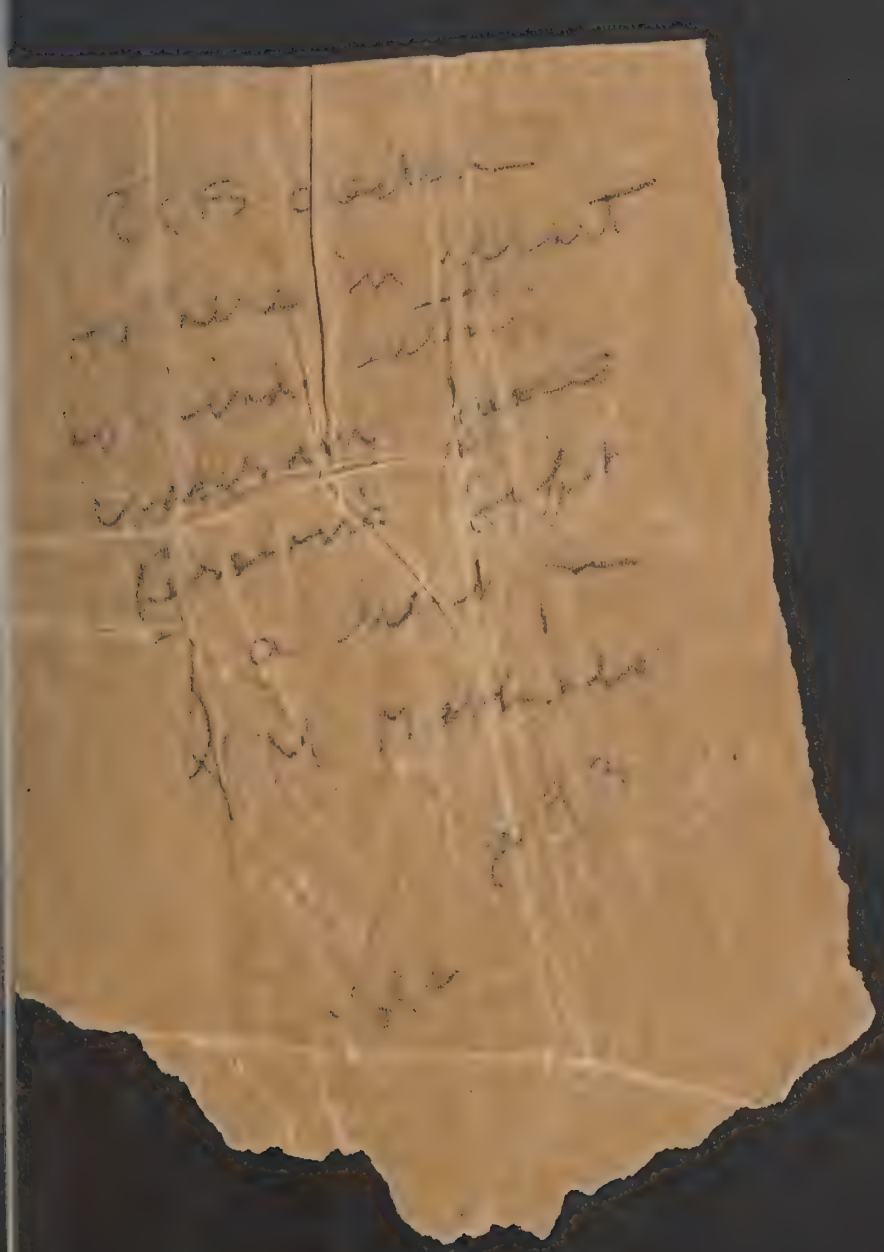
5th Day, Met by adjournment.

Several friends being desired at our last Meeting to procure a printed piece upon Silent worship, by Mary Brook, report, that they think it might be useful to reprint the same, Therefore this Meeting desires Moses Brown, & Joseph Mitchel to procure 2000 Reprinted, & report the Cost thereof to this Meeting, when finished.

Adjourn'd to y$^{e}$ 5th hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment.

This Meeting being inform'd that several Friends belonging to the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich, & elsewhere, have already suffered, and now lay liable to yet greater sufferings, for their noncompliance with certain late military Requisitions; after deliberate consider'n thereon, & recourse had to the several Acts of Government, made for the Exemption of those of tender Consciences in such Cases. It appearing that notwithstanding the good Intentions of the Legislature



manifested in said Acts; there are certain Requisitions in them so Straitning to such tender & Conscientious minds in general, that if put in execution, the use & end of said Acts would be almost wholly frustrated, as it Respects with regard to us as a Religious Society. It therefore it is incumbent on this Meeting to inform the Legislature thereof; to which purpose we appoint Thomas Hazard, John Casey, John Collins, Moses Brown, David Buffum, & Moses Farnum, members of this Meeting, a Committee, with such other Friends as are free to accompany them to lay a Copy of this Minute before the General Assembly now sitting, & to represent this Meeting in answering such Questions, and giving such further information in this matter as may then appear conducive to the Establishment of Religious Liberty.

Adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Meeting for Worship tomorrow.

Met by adjournment, and concluded to meet in next month, at the usual time of holding this Meeting.

At a Meeting for Sufferings specially convened at Providence, the 7th. of y^e 2. mo. 1777. Present Thomas Hazard, John Collins, John Casey, Benjamin Arnold, Paul Greene, Theophilus Shove Junr. Moses Farnum, Moses Brown.

The Committee appointed to lay before the General Assembly, the Minute of last Meeting, respecting the Suffering of friends, and to apply with other Friends for relief, having obtain'd favour therein, and being Impress with a sense of the necessity of an increase of Our Care as a Religious Society, in Diligent discharge of our Duty to each other, in this time of singular tryal, Concluded on the following Epistle, viz.

From our Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providance, y^e 7th of y^e 2^mo 1777.

To the Monthly Meetings of Greenwich, Smithfield, and South Kingstown.

Dear Friends,

Many Members of this Meeting, and other Friends, have this Day been deeply Engaged in the General Assembly of this Colony, to procure a Law for the Ease of friends, & others, in this Government, & through favor on close labour, have obtain'd one; a Copy whereof, we herewith send you; and as Monthly Meeting's Certificates are to excuse such as produce them

them from all Military Duty (so called) whatever; great fear appeared in divers Members of that Assembly, lest some young or loose person, or persons might get excused thereby from Military requisitions, who ought not to be Indulged. — Let it be remembered friends that if we give Certificates to any whose Life & Conversation does not well answer to our profession, we must bear the Reproach, and shall mar our Reputation as a Society; and very likely lose the Indulgance we now have, through much labour obtain'd. Therefore Dear Friends, let there be great Care to inspect the Conduct of such as require Certificates, and also their principle respecting War; and we desire that none may be granted to any others but Such who are of sober lives & conversations, & whose clear in our Antient Testimony against wars & fightings; and that such Certificates be Inspected & directed by, & signd in open Meeting. And that we may with renewed Engagement attend to, and exercise the Discipline Established amongst us, in the same wisdom that was the source thereof; by which means wrong things may be swept out of the Camp; & we become a clean people, to the praise of him that hath called us, and our own unspeakable advantage

With the Salutation of Love, We Conclude, & Remain your Friends and Brethren

Signd in, & on behalf of our said Meeting.

by Moses Brown Clerk for this time.

This Meeting is adjourned to tomorrow morning at the 9th Hour.

P.M. The Meeting met by adjournment.

And Concluded to send the abovementioned Epistle to Acoakset with the following Addition, — — — — — viz.

This Meeting considering the present seperated State of Tiverton, & Little Compton Meetings, from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, where they belong, and being desirous they may have a Brotherly Care, and such assistance as may be afforded from this and other Meetings. We desire Acoakset Monthly Meeting to appoint a suitable Committee to Visit those Meetings in Brotherly Sympathy, and Invite them to give dilligent attendance at your Preparative, & Monthly Meetings, for your mutual assistance, and the Spreading & Increase of Brotherly Love, whereby such knowledge of their Circumstances, & Conduct

may be had as to enable you to afford them advice, and assistance on all Occasions, and as it is Especially necessary at this time, for only walkers joined to some Monthly Meeting, in order to be Entitled to the Indulgence in the abovesaid Act; we hope they will chearfully, & steadily attend your Meeting, during their Seperation from Rhode Island Monthly by the present calamity, and manifest by their Conduct that they are worthy of that Indulgence, and we intreat that you be very carefull to have Satisfactory knowledge that whoever applies for Certificates, were members of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island, before the present Seperation, & that the same be certified in such Certificates, that the truth of facts may appear

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 10th of y^e 3^d mo 1777. — Present 11 Members.

This Meeting being informed that Alice Gould, Widow, late of Rhode Island, (and by Verbal Information she is a member of that Monthly Meeting) is now at South Kingstown, and being under necessitous Circumstances, and the person one not of our Society who hath hospitably Entertained her for some time, giving friends notice thereof, & calling on them to take Care of her, this Meeting thinks it becomes them, under the present Circumstances to direct Thomas Hazard, & John Collins to call on the yearly Meeting's Treasurer for £4. L.M. in order to relieve her present necessities.

the Meeting adjourns to the 3^d hour this afternoon.

met by adjournment.

This Meeting received, by way of Philadelphia, a number of Printed general Epistles from the last yearly Meeting in London, & several printed ones from said Meeting to the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, which were kindly accepted, and are sent to the several Quarterly, & monthly Meetings in New England.

The friends having of the Donation yet on hand to Distribute are desired to Compleat the same, & report to our meeting in next month and the treasurer of this Meeting is directed to deliver to them, or any other Member of this Meeting, such further sums as may be thought necessary to be distributed between This, & our Meeting in next month ———

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich the 9th day of y^e 4th month 1777 — Present 21 members —

After conferring on several matters respecting the business of this meeting, The meeting adjourn'd to the 3^d hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment ——— and adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting Sixth day next at this place ———

Met by adjournment, and the Day being far spent the meeting Adjourn'd to the 8^th hour to morrow morning ———

12^th met by adjournment — Present 23 members ———

This Meeting Received a Letter from Sandwich monthly Meeting respecting Timothy Davis's case, which being Read & Considered the following Answer was concluded on ——— (viz)

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich the 12^th of y^e 4^th month 1777 —

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Sandwich ——

Dear Friends

We received your Letter of y^e 20^th of last month, relative to the unhappy matter respecting Timothy Davis, wherein we sorrowfully Observe you are divided in Sentiment, respecting the matter contained in this Pamphlet, and as you desire our further Advice in the Case, we have Considered the Circumstances, and the Exercise & Trogal this matter hath brot on your meeting in particular, as well as Friends in other parts, and are sincerely desirous you may be assisted to preserve the authority of Truth, over every thing that may be contrary thereto, however the faithful perseverance of Individuals to cleanse & preserve the Camp may seem for a while to be greatly discouraged by the mistaken apprehensions of others, however Esteemed and powerful they may have heretofore been in the Church, believing the time will come when some who may have thought differently from us in this matter, will see that the Case which hath been and now is manifested to support Truth's testimony herein hath proceeded from its Constraining Influence, which desires & seeks the Recovery & welfare of each Individual among you,

and

And seeing the matter hath labourd so among you, we have to Recommend that every bias, & attachment to Individuals, & Connections, that may any way intercept, or obstruct a Single Eye to the leadings of truth, be laid aside, & if upon weighty Considering the matter, you Continue not to agree in Judgment agreeable to our advice in our Epistle of the 12th of 7th mo. 1776. We advise you to refer the matter to your Quarterly Meeting for assistance, unless you should be agreed to ask assistance of the yearly Meeting, which as your Quarter is small and dont meet so soon as that meeting, we think it may produce good Effects, without interfering with the regular Course of discipline, in case the assistance the Yearly Meeting may now afford should not prove effectual to settle the matter amongst you.

Signd in & by order of our said meeting

by Thos Lapham junr Clerk

The Matter refer'd to this Meeting from our last, respecting the Donation is still refer'd to our next, by reason that Friends have not generally made report. Nevertheless the Treasurer is directed to deliver to any member such Sums as appears necessary for the relief of objects which appear between this and next month——

The Quarterly meeting not yet having receivd any papers from Rhode Island, and still desiring his Meetings care therein, Therefore Moses Brown is again desired to write for said papers, both Men's & Women's, and the Yearly Meetings papers both Men's & Women's, that may be thot wanting at the ensuing Yearly Meeting, which is Concluded to be held at Smithfield Upper House unless the Communication to Rhode-Island should be otherwise, so as to make it convenient to be had there——

Moses Farnum, & David Buffum are appointed to provide keeping for Horses at the Ensuing Yearly Meeting——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence y.e 12th of y.e 5th mo 1777— Present 14 Members

Moses Brown informs that he hath received the Quarterly Meeting Papers from Rhode Island, and hath wrote for the Yearly Meeting Papers acording to Direction.——

The Meeting adjourns to half after three this afternoon ——

Met by adjournment.

Our Meeting in last month Concluded that the Ensuing yearly Meeting for Business be held at Smithfield upper House, unless the Communication to Rhode Island should be open so as to make it convenient to be held there as usual, Therefore it is now agreed that if the Communication be not opened with Rhode Island, the Ensuing yearly Meeting be held, at the usual time, in the following order, Viz —

The Meeting for worship to begin at the 11th Hour on 5th Day, at Smithfield upper, & Lower Meeting Houses, & at Uxbridge, and also on the first day following, at the same hour: and the Meeting for business on 6th day at the 11th hour at the upper House in Smithfield, and there to continue as said Meeting may direct. — And the Select Meeting to begin at the 9th hour on 6th Day; and this Meeting Concludes to meet at Smithfield Lower house on the 4th Day before at the 10th Hour, and the Members of this Meeting are desired to give friends timely notice of the holding the Yearly Meeting, as above

Adjourn'd to the 8th hour tomorrow morning —

Met by adjournment.

Moses Brown Exhibited an Account to this Meeting for Procuring a Record Book, and Reprinting London Epistles to the amount of £11-19-0 for which sum this Meeting gave an Order on the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer ——

He also exhibited his account, as Treasurer of this Meeting, which being examined, It appears there remains in his hands £182-2-5 Lawful Money, of Friends Donations undisposed of.

This Meeting being informed that there is a late act of the General Assembly of this Government, Intituled, "An Act in addition to An Act, Intituled An Act for the Relief of tender Consciences," &c. a Copy of which being read in this Meeting, and found to subject the Goods, & Chattles of Friends to be Destrained, and sold at Publick Vendue, in the same manner as Military Fines, & Forfeitures are, and the Moneys arising on

On such sales to be applyd to pay the sum advanced to hire substitutes to go as Soldiers in the behalf of such Friends as may be draughted ——

Wherefore we desire the Monthly Meetings who are lyable to be affected with said Act, and the Distraints therein directed, that they be careful not to give Certificates, as heretofore advised. Observing by the said Additional Act, that instead of being wholly Exempt by means of Certificates, as in the Original Act, they are to be assistant in proportioning the number to be drafted, and so are made necessary prerequisite to the Execution of the Law, which if admitted, would destroy the very principle on which the Original was founded.

And as the said Act directs the overplus monies after paying the sums required to be lodged in the Town Clerks hands, for the use of the persons from whom the goods & Chattles are Distrained,

We Desire that Friends be Careful not to countenance proceedings so contrary to our Religious Rights, by taking back any such overplus, as thereby they will wound the Cause of Truth, be hurt themselves & Seminary, and bring a Burden upon the Faithful ——

And Moses Brown is desired to send Copies hereof to Greenwich, Smithfield, South Kingstown, and Hopkinton Monthly Meetings, as soon as opportunity offers.

The matter respecting Donations referred to this Meeting, is still referd to our Meeting in next month, at which time Friends are desired to bring in their accounts, in order to settle the same, and the Treasurer is still desired to deliver to any member such sums as may appear necessary to be distributed according to Direction.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 11th day of 6th mo. 1777. present 22 members.

This Meeting desires Thomas Hazard, & William Rotch, to examine the Bill that Friends have taken in, respecting the distribution of the Donations in our hand, & report to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Thomas Hazard & John Collins, who were appointed to take care of the Widow Alice Gould, and draw £4. out of the Yearly-Meetings Stock, for her Support, Report that they have received the

the money, & paid out £2.5. — that she is now kept by Elizabeth Smith in Darby Riggstown, who it to be satisfied for it by this Meeting

The Meeting adjourns to half after two this afternoon

Met by adjournment

The friends desired to Examine the Lists of the Donations distributed, Report as follows. (viz)

Jeremiah Hackers List amounting to ... £117.. 15.. 6

he has remaining on hand 17 6

Thomas Hazard ..... 9.. 18

John Casey ..... 5.. 8

Paul Greene ..... .. 18

remains in his hand £4.. 10

Moses Brown ..... 22.. 4

David Buffum ..... 3.. 12

remains in his hand £1.. 4

Joshua David, beside the money paid for wood) .... 2.. 5

he has on hand ... £7.. 18.. 6

Samuel Gould ..... 9..

Ebenezer Allen, ..... £4.. 16

he has on hand £16.. 4 paid out £175.. 16.. 6

on hand £30.. 14.. 0

Jonathan Mafsey, & William Rotch ..... 70..

paid out £245.. 16.. 6

The Meeting concluded to send the following Letter (viz)

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 11. 6. mo 1781

To Philip Wanton, Isaac Lawton, & Jacob Mott Junr.

Respected Friends,

By Letters to Moses Brown, we are informed that the Money he sent you, by direction of this Meeting, had not answered the intended purpose of Relief to the poor, and as there are such on the main, to whom it may be usefully applied, We recommend your sending it by the first safe hand, what has not, & is not likely soon to be used. — And in Regard to the encouragement given by Moses of sending on more Money, we have Considered the matter, and dont find our ways clear to send any at present — If your Circumstances

should be such as to need our assistance, would not have you backward, in freely applying, & so far as we can find our way open, shall be glad to administer to your Comfort in this your Trial, in every sense;

With our Salutation of Love we Conclude & remain your Friends,

& Signd in, & on behalf of our said Meeting

by, Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

As there is yett of the Donations on hand, from our Friends at the Westward this Meeting directs the Treasurer to deliver Jeremiah Hacker, & Jonathan Lapham the Sum of one hundred pounds, to distribute to such necessitous persons, in the Eastern parts, as they shall think most in need thereof, observing the directions heretofore given, and make return to our meeting in next month —

This Meeting being informed that Sandwich Monthly Meeting have dropt the matter of dealing with Timothy Davis for his publishing a Pamphlet on Taxation, &c. as well as the matter of the Pamphlet, without his or their publishing any thing to the support of truths testimony in that matter —

We think it may be useful, if a solid, Judicious Committee of the yearly Meeting, were appointed to visit & advise that meeting, and such members thereof, as they may find necessary, which we refer, & submit to the yearly meeting.

Adjourned to the Close of the Yearly Meeting for Business on Sixth Day next, at the upper house in Smithfield.

Met by adjournment, & adjourned to the Conclusion of the Yearly Meeting for business.

16th Day met by adjournment

This Meeting desires Moses Brown to forward the Epistles from our Yearly Meeting to London, Philadelphia, & Flushing, and that to the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Rhode Island, by the first opportunity. Joseph Southwick attended at this time.

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

17th day. met By adjournment. Part of the Committee appointed by the yearly Meeting, to visit and advise the Monthly meeting of Sandwich, or such members thereof as they should think proper, having appeared in this Meeting, and desired Copies of such parts of our Records, & papers, as they may think necessary in formation to their &

and Qualify them for that service: We appoint the Clerk, & Moses Brown, to deliver the same, when called upon by any of said Committee.

A M. Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield Lower house, the 9th of the 7th mo. 1777 —

Present Thomas Steer, John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Thomas Hicks, Jeremiah Austen, William Rotch, Seth Gardner, Joseph Mitchel, Theophilus Shove, George Arnold, ~~and~~, Moses Brown

The Clerk of this Meeting being (as we are informed necessarily absent) Moses Brown is appointed Clerk for this time —

The Treasurer is directed to deliver to William Rotch, & Seth Gardner the money remaining in his hands, of the Donation of Friends and they are desired, with the assistance of Jonathan Macy to apply the same to the procuring of Provisions, or Wood, & distribute the same to such poor on Nantucket, as they may think proper, that come within the Intentions of the Donors to relieve, agreeable to our former direction, and to report to this Meeting, as soon as may be

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, and after deliberation and Conferance on the Business, adjourned to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting of Business which begins here tomorrow —

11th Day met by adjournment, John Casey, Paul Greene, Joshua Deval, & Thomas Lapham Junr attended at this time; George Arnold Absent. The Day being far Spent the Meeting Concluded to rise, and propose to meet again at the usual time and place —

A M. Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th Day of 7th M. 1777 — Present 19 members, viz. Thomas Steer, John Collins, Thomas Hazard, John Roggers, Benjamin Arnold, Joshua Deval, Moses Farnum, John Casey, Jonathan Macy, Eber Chace, Theophilus Shove junr, William Mosher Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Lapham junr George Arnold, Seth Gardner Paul Greene, Benjamin Swift, Moses Brown, — also our Friends Aaron Lancaster, & David Sands, from New York Government, were present —

Moses Farnum one of the Friends appointed to provide

Close

Horsekeeping, at the Yearly Meeting held in the 6th mo last, Reports that the Cost of Horsekeeping at Smithfield upper house amounts to about £7-10/- which Sum this Meeting desires the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer to pay to George Arnold, in order that he may discharge said Debt —

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends holden on Long-Island, in the 5th month last, to our last Yearly Meeting, was read to good Satisfaction, with which came a Number of William Penn's Epistles to the Children of Light, &c. wrote in the year 1676. and lately reprinted in New York, and sent us, which this Meeting ordered to be divided, and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings, with Transcripts of the aforesaid Yearly Meeting Epistle, in Order for Friends Observation —

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment —

An Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia being twice read was approved of and is as follows

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England, the 11th of the 8th mo 1777 —

To Our Friends and Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia

Dear Friends,

We have receiv'd a number of Printed Epistles from your Meeting, with Copies of the Yearly Meeting of London's Epistle to your yearly Meeting, which were sent to our several Meetings; but no Letter from you hath come to our hands for some time past —

Inclosed we send you a further account of the Distribution of the Donation received from you, amounting to £332-13-4 the whole of the Monies are deliver'd out of the treasury, and we expect before now are nearly all distributed, but the friends in whose hands part of it was put, living at a distance, and not present, & we not knowing whether the money sent to Newport is made use of, cannot now complete the account; the last money paid out of the treasury was sent to Nantucket, where the Inhabitants are many of them in needy circumstances, tho' not so much so, as the people Eastward of Boston, but they having had a very considerable part of your Donation we apprehend the Disposition of what remains left in the treasury, about £50. and what may be returned by individuals, if any undistributed, may be usefully & satisfactorily applied on Nantucket, where poverty hath

And is likely Still to increase, their whaling business being Stopt & the Cod-fishery from the Shores discouraged for want of Salt

We have the Company of our friend Aaron Lancaster, and David Sands of the Oblong Nine partner Monthly Meetings, by way of Long-Island, & Rhode-Island, which hath been truly acceptable in this meeting; they inform us that Friends on Rhode-Island are generally well, they have spent some weeks there, & have been favor'd to pass by both parties in a respectable manner, which we mention as matter of encouragement

We have thankfully to acknowledge that friends this way are generally preserved in a good degree from the Sufferings, losses, & trials, which many in the western Colonies have been exercised with, yet divers in this have suffered the loss of their goods by Distraint, for their testimony against War, notwithstanding the late act of Indulgeance to persons of tender Consciences, which having of late been measurably subverted by an additional Act, manifests the uncertainty of Dependance "upon any sort of the men of this world" Friends in the Massechusets are still generally preserved free from Sufferings and when known to be such are not as we know of any way called upon in military requisitions

While we are most closely threatned with the Calamities of the Sword, we have not been unmindful of you, May We be unitedly engaged after preparation for Stability & firmness in the faith which overcomes the world, & as it's abided in will support thro' every trial that may be suffered become upon us in the Course of Divine providence for the Chastisement of a backsliden People

With our Salutation of Brotherly Love, we Conclude and bid you farewell

Inclosed is our Yearly Meetings Epistles to yours

Signed in, & by Order of our said Meeting

By B. Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th day of the 5th mo 1777
Present 12 members; Jeremiah Hacker presented his account of distribution of the Donations, amounting to £66-1-6 which is lodged on file.

Jonathan Arnold junr. mentioned in this Meeting that the expence of house-keeping at the lower Meeting house in Smithfield, at our last yearly Meeting amounts to £2.14, which sum this Meeting desires the yearly Meetings Treasurer to pay said Jonathan

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The account of Friends Sufferings brought from South Kingstown, Smithfield, and Acoakset Monthly Meetings having been sent up, & lay'd before the last Yearly Meeting; & they Concluding to have them all recorded in this Book, this Meeting the Clerk is directed to do it, with the last years Minutes: Same as the minutes of this Meeting last year did not mention the names of the members present at each particular meeting; the list kept for that purpose is also directed to be recorded, as follows ------

| Names of the Members of the Meeting for Sufferings for New England. | 1776 | 7th mo 10th | 22nd 5th mo 12 | 9. mo. 9. | 10. mo. 9. | 11. day 6th mo 9. | 11th mo. 11. | 12 mo. 9. | 1st mo. 8 1777 | 2. mo. 3. | 3. mo. 10 | 11. mo. 9 | 12 day 6th mo 5 | 1. mo. 12 | 6. mo 18. |
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| John Rogers | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Nathan Davis | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Hazard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Philip Wanton | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caleb Russell | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Benjamin Arnold | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Samuel Gould | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Isaac Lawton | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Jacob Mott jun. | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Joshua Deval | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Moses Farnum | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Jeremiah Hacker | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| John Case | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Jonathan Macy | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Ebn Chase | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Jeremiah Austin | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Moses Brown | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Theophilus Shove jun. | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Brzilla Tucker | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph Mitchel | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Thomas Lapham jun. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| David Buffum | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| George Arnold | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| William Rotch | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Seth Gardner | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Thomas Hicks | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| Paul Greene | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Samuel Collins | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Jonathan Dane | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Benjamin Swift | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ebenezer Allen | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| David Bowerman | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |

Those marked (✓) attended at the times

N.B. For the Acct of Sufferings see the other end of this Book from page 1 to 5.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 8th of the 10th mo 1777

present 21 members. After conferring on several weighty matters this Meeting adjourned to the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of business that begins at this place tomorrow — 10th day met by adjournment. and the day being far spent; adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow —

9th day met by adjournment — George Arnold attended at this time

This Meeting being informed that David Anthony, a Member of our Society, is confined to Prison in East Greenwich, for not complying to serve as a Elder in the present Commotions; Thereupon this Meeting appoints our friends Thomas Hazard, Thomas Steer, & Joseph Mitchel to join the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich in visiting advising, & Extending such assistance to him, our said friend, as they in wisdom may find necessary, and report to our Meeting in next month —

The Treasurer informing this Meeting that he had received 178 Spanish Dollars from Rhode Island, of the 200 sent on and that by information received with the money, it was likely to be much wanted among the poor there, the ensuing winter; he is therefore directed, ~~to direct~~ to endeavour to get the same exchanged for hard money, and if he succeeds, and there appears to continue the like occasion of want, to send it to the members of this Meeting to be distributed according to the Original directions of the Donors communicated by this Meeting —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 10th of the 11th mo 1777. present 11 Members

Thomas Steer & Thomas Hazard report, that they have agreeable to appointment, in Company with a Committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, proceeded to visit our friend David Anthony, a Prisoner at East-Greenwich, and conferred with the Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, upon the subject, who pointed out no other way for his dismission but by application to the General Assembly, or the Council; and this Meeting Considering the matter conclude it is incumbent on us to inform the Council the circumstances of the case, and move them to grant a dismission upon the principle of tenderness and regard to the Consciences of Men, & the Antient Principle on which this government was founded, and which the Legislature hath

hath since often confirmd; — and our Friends Thomas Steer, Paul Greene, John Collins, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, & David Buffum and John Casey are appointed for this service, and Report to this meeting as soon as may be —

This Meeting adjourns to the 6th hour this afternoon

Met by adjournment, —

This Meeting being informd that there is a late Act of the General Assembly, Entituled, "An Act, in addition to an Act, for the Relief of persons of tender Consciences, and to prevent their being burthened with Military Duty;" which subjects the goods and Chattels of friends to destraint and sale, at publick Vendue, in the same manner as if taken for military fines; and that the monies arising on such sales are to be applied to pay such persons as may be hired to perform military Duty (so called) instead of such persons of tender Consciences, as aforesaid; and many and large Destraints having already been made on the goods and Chattels of friends and others, in consequence thereof, to the subversion of the good intention, & effect of the Original Act, wherein Equitable provision was made for persons of tender Conscience;

after deliberate Consideration, & Conference with our Committee, who attended the Assembly; by whose report we were well satisfyed as to the good Disposition of Both houses of Assembly towards religious Liberty and such Conscientious persons — and as we are desirous that said Liberty should not be encroached upon, but freely enjoyd by all; think it incumbent on us to Inform the Legislature that we cannot but consider said additional Act as an infringement of the Civil Rights, & Religious Liberties that Conscientious people ought to enjoy; and to move them to a repeal of the said additional act, & the establishment of religious Liberty, by letting the Consciences of Men, the government of which being the alone prerogative of God, go free; that they may thereby be found acting to his praise, which is the right Use of power, and Authority; and whereby they become as saith the Apostle the Ministers of God for good, and so be rewarded with Blessing, Salvation, & honor

And our friends Thomas Steer, John Collins, Benjamin Jones, Moses Brown, Moses Farnum, Thomas Hazard, David Buffum, &

and Thomas Lapham jun.r are appointed for this service, and to report as soon as may be

Thomas Hazard and John Collens informing this meeting that the Money directed to be delivered them by the yearly Meetings Treasurer, for the support of the Widow Alice Gould, is Expended and she still stands in need of assistance; the treasurer is directed to deliver Thomas Hazard a further sum of £15.- which he is desired to appropriate to her assistance, & support, as occasion may require; and report to this Meeting when the same is Expended

This Meeting adjourns to half after the 10.th hour to morrow

Met by adjournment

The Committee appointed yesterday in the case of David Anthony Report that they Laid the matter before the Council, & they took his Dismission

It appearing to this Meeting that the money sent back from Rhode Island, is not likely to be all Changed for hard money therefore the treasurer, and Joshua Deval are desired to lay out, in provisions & wood, what remains of that, & other paper Moneys, remaining in the Treasury, for the use of the poor on Nantucket

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8.th of the 12.th mo. 1777 present 13 members

The Committee appointed last month to move for the repeal of an act, called an Act in addition to an Act for the relief of persons tender Consciences, &c. Report that they all attended on said appointment, but Thomas Steer, who was absent by Indisposition of Body; And that they endeavoured to shew the Legislature that said additional Act was inconsistant both with our Civil rights, & Religious Liberty; and that we could not yield active Obedience thereto; & therefore desired the Repeal thereof; whereupon the mind of the Lower House was taken, which proved to be divided, and the motion for a repeal past in the Negative, by a Considerable majority

George

George Arnold informs that he hath paid for horse keeping at Smithfield upper Meeting House, at the time of our last yearly Meeting, the Sum of one pound, 6/ more than he hath received, therefore the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is desired to pay said sum of £1. 6. to George Arnold

This Meeting concludes that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to be held in next month, be held at Swanzey, and desires the members of this Meeting to give the Monthly Meetings timely notice thereof

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 7th day of the 1st mo 1778 present 16 members

After weightily confering on several matters, the Meeting adjourns to the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting, to begin at this place tomorrow

9th day, Met by adjournment

John Collins, Jeremiah Austin, & David Buffum attended at this time The members being called and no business appearing the Meeting concluded

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th day of the 2nd mo 1778 present Benjamin Arnold, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Hacker, David Buffum, Joseph Nichols, Thomas Hazard, George Arnold, & Moses Brown, who acts as Clerk this time

Jeremiah Hacker & Jonathan Dunn

Account of the distribution of the monies received, of the Donation of Friends to the Westward, now presented, amounting to £134.17.90, is directed to be lodged on file, amongst the other lists not transmitted to Philadelphia

The Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to pay to Thomas Hazard £16.12.4, being for the ballance due, for the support of the Widow Gould, while at the Widow Smith's, and for his supplies to her for cloathing to this time

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At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th & 10th of 3mo 1778

Present Thomas Steer, John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Paul Green John Casey, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchel, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham jun. Eber Chase, Benjamin Arnold, George Arnold Moses Farnum, & Theophilus Shove jun.

After conferring some time together the meeting adjourned to half after 3 this afternoon — Met by adjournment —

This Meeting taking into consideration that there are many & diverse snares, temptations, & devices made use of by the great Enemy of truth, & his Agents, at this time, in which the Spirit of war & Bloodshed is prevalent over the Land; think it Expedient that Epistles be sent to the several Monthly Meetings belonging to the Yearly Meeting of New-England, exhorting all to retire to the gift of god in their own hearts, which alone can preserve them from being ensnared and deluded by said Spirit, or its Agents; — Wherefore We appoint our friends John Collins, Thomas Hazard, John Casey, Moses Farnum, David Buffum & Thomas Lapham jun. to make a Draft, and present the same to the adjournment of this Meeting; which is adjourned to the 10. hour tomorrow morning

10th Day, met by adjournment — The Friends appointed, have presented an Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings, which being read, with some alterations, was approved, and is as follows viz —

From the Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th & 10th days of the 3d mo, 1778 — To the several Monthly Meetings of Friends within the limits of the Yearly Meeting for New England —

Dear Friends,

In this day, when the signs of the times evidently portend extraordinary Trials, Temptations, & Probations to attend the Churches, let all be Encouraged to seek the Lord with strong cries tears, & ardent prayers that he would strengthen and preserve each individual in a state of Innocency, & humble resignation to the divine Mind, under every Dispensation of his Providence; believing that all things shall work together for good, to those that fear, love and glorify God on Earth, and if it should be the portion of any to be tryed by being stripped & dispossessed of their outward property, their bodies confined in noisome prisons, or otherwise seperated from their most near and dear Connexions, Friends, & Relations in Mutability, we earnestly Entreat all such, to closely attend

attend to the word of the Lord in their own hearts, which will be a present Instructor, helper, preserver, deliverer, and Saviour of all those that trust in it, and can alone enable to endure hardness for the Cause of god, & his truth in the Earth — And let none doubt, but be assured that the Word, promises, and gracious rewards of him who is faithful, shall be kept, & fulfilled to all those who shall continue in well doing, patiently suffering to the end; for the light affliction which (comparatively) endure but for a moment, shall work out a far greater & exceeding weight of eternal glory, & they who forsake Father, Mother, Houses, & Lands &c for Christs sake, shall have an hundredfold in this present World, and in the World to come everlasting Life —

And now to you, Dear Friends, in a special manner, who inhabit within the Government of the Massachusetts, where a Law is made requiring an affirmation respecting Government which may affect some of you, as the case may happen, the form of which being present, and weightily considered, this meeting is unanimous, that no Friend can take it while he keeps to our peaceable principles, & testimony against War and fighting, yet we would charitably construe, it was not the intention of that Government, in making of that Law, to bring Friends under sufferings for their Religious testimony; their conduct towards us as a people in our Exemption from military requisitions, since the present troubles, speaking quite another Language, which we mention with gratitude, and which calls loudly upon us to be what we Profess to be, and if we are, we cannot but be peaceable subjects under every government where our lotts are, or may be cast, avoiding all plotts, & Conspiracies against the same — With our Salutation of Love, we remain your friends and brethren,

Signd in, and on behalf of our said Meeting by

Thomas Lapham jun.r Clerk

P.S. The Members of the Meeting for Sufferings are all desired to attend our Meeting in next month, in Order to confer on some weighty business that may probaly come before that Meeting —

And Moses Brown is desired to procure Copies hereof & send to the Monthly Meetings as soon as he conveniently can.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 8.th of the 4.th mo 1778 — present John Rogers, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Steer, Benjamin Arnold, Jeremiah Austin, Moses Farnum Moses Brown, David Buffam, John Casey, Paul Greene, Thomas Lapham jun.r Joshua Deval —

This Meeting concludes that the ensuing Yearly Meeting, be held at Smithfield and Uxbridge in the same manner

as concluded on last Year; And Moses Farnum, David Buffum and Thomas Lapham jun.r are appointed to provide keeping for horses at the time of said Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of business to begin here tomorrow

10.th day, Met by adjournment. Jonathan Macy, Sen.r Gardener, & Joseph Mitchel attended at this time

Received an account of the Distribution of donation money by Jonathan Macy, Seth Gardener, and William Rotch, on Nantucket; the same being in wood, to the amount of £49 " 2 " 3, Linsel, Money, and 1008 lb. of Beef; which account is ordered to be lodged on file, to be transmitted with the other accounts not sent to friends to the Westward

5.mo 1778 At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11.th of the 5.th mo 1778 — Present, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Paul Greene, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchel, David Buffum, Theophilus Shove jun.r George Arnold, Thomas Lapham jun.r

Received an account from Greenwich monthly Meeting, dated 6.th 4.th mo 1778 containing a List of their Sufferings, which List is directed to be recorded in its proper place, †

This Meeting adjourns to the 3.rd hour this afternoon. Met by adjournment

The following Minute, of Swanzey Monthly Meeting in this Month, being laid before this Meeting, and the report of the Committee therein mentioned, and this Meeting taking the same under Consideration, do Appoint Moses Farnum, Joseph Mitchel & Moses Brown, a Committee to attend the adjournment of that Meeting, to advise, & assist them in the matter as way may open

Said Minute from Swanzey follows — — — viz

It Appearing by the accounts from Swanzey preparative Meeting

† 1st page 7 at the other end of this Book

that

That Peleg Chase is now confind, & under some apprehensions of being transported: & that he requests our Certificate; and as it appears to us to be a suffering Case, he having as we understand, refused to take a certain affirmation, it being according to advice from the Meeting for Sufferings) inconsistant with our Religious Testimony; & as he has, we understand, been accused of some other matters: We appoint Caleb Earl, Benjamin Buffinton Theophilus Shove junr, & John Chase the Seven to make enquiry respecting said accusations & his Conduct, & represent the Case to the next Meeting for Sufferings, and report the advice of that Meeting to the Adjournment of this — Said Committee are also desired to make enquiry respecting a Complaint from Swansey Preparative Meeting, concerning Eber Chase junr having gone from this place, and taken his Brother William with him, in a manner contrary to our religious testimony; and this committee are desired, after having made full enquiry into the manner of his going, to represent the same to the next Meeting for sufferings, and report the advice of that meeting to the adjournment of this — and Moses Buffinton, & Phillip Chase are added to them —

This Meeting having received a printed, & Written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London last yr year, Do appoint Moses Brown, & Joseph Stitchel, to get 1500 Printed Copies of the printed Epistle struck off, for the use of the Enjuing Yearly Meeting —

Thomas Aldrich having presented his Account for the Board of Alice Gould, the same is directed to be paid by the Treasurer and accordingly given and signed by the Clerk; being for 21½ weeks at 2/ amount £2 5 16.

This Meeting concludes to meet in next month at Smithfield lower Meeting house, on the fourth day of the week of the Yearly Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield Lower House the 10th of the 6th mo 1778 — Present Thomas Steer, Joseph Southwick, John Rogers, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Gould, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Macy, Jeremiah Austin, Moses Brown, Theophilus Shove, Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Lapham Junr. David Buffum, William Rotch, Jonathan Dane, Ebenezer Allen, John Collins —

The Friends Appointed last month to assist Swanzey Monthly Meeting, made Report, which is accepted, & is as follows

Agreeable to appointment, We have visited Peleg Chace in Prison, his Parents at home, the Chairman of the Committee that entered the Complaint or Information against him, & the Justice that committed him; And attended the Monthly Meeting at Swanzey, where a Minute was made against Eber Chace Junr. and directed to be publickly read, disowning unity with him for neglecting attendance of Meetings for some time preceding his going off, taking with him his younger Brother, without the knowledge & Consent of his Parents, running in a daring manner by the guards, after being refused a pass; & leaving a number of Debts in a dishonorable manner; they also appointed a Committee to visit, advise & assist Peleg for his discharge, all which we Consider'd, as being the needful that then appeared to be done

Moses Brown
Joseph Mitchell
Moses Brown

10th 6th mo 1778

Moses Brown & Joseph Mitchell

Report that they have got the Epistles printed as desired, & presented the Printers bill, which amounts to £7.4.0 & Moses Brown received an Order on the Yearly Meetings Treasurer for the same, sign'd by the Clerk

It being represented to this Meeting that divers persons, said and believed to be members of our Society, & were considered as Poor of Rhode Island Monthly

Monthly Meeting, are come to the Main, that are not now under the Care of any Monthly Meeting, for want of Certificates, & have had no assistance from Friends as a Body; but live on the hospitality of their Friends & acquaintance some of whom are not members; and the case of Alice Gould, who hath for some time been supported out of the Yearly Meeting Stock, by this Meeting, and likely to continue expensive & under such circumstances as to need the Care of some particular Monthly Meeting, which hath not yet been afforded. — The Yearly Meetings Advice is desired whether this Meeting in future supply the necessities of such, or whether they be directed to be supported by the Quarterly Meeting; and to ascertain some Rule for determining the Monthly Meetings they belong to. The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island being considered at present unable to support them

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Yearly Meeting for Business, that begins next day after tomorrow at Smithfield upper House.

Met by adjournment, and no business appearing that was fit to be entered upon, this Meeting ended concluding to meet next month as usual.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield lower Meeting House the 8th of the 7mo 1778 — Present John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Peer, William Hefther, jun., Mitchel, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Thomas Hicks, George Arnold, Thomas Lapham, junr.

This Meeting received a number of printed Epistles from the General Spring Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Philadelphia for Pennsylvania & New Jersey, by adjournments from the 21st of the 3rd mo to the 2d of the same inclusive, 1778 — one of which was read to Satisfaction, and the others were divided, and ordered to be sent to the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting.

The following Minute was annexed to the Epistles from our last Yearly Meeting to the Yearly Meetings of London, & New-York. (So writ)

This Meeting having the satisfaction to be informed, That Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is now clear of holding our fellowship

In Slavery, we thot it would be acceptable to have the same inserted here, & before the Epistles were transmitted ——

With our Salutation of Love, we conclude your Friends, & Brethren.

Sign.d in behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held a Smithfield for New England, the 8.th of the 7.th mo 1778

By Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

And Moses Brown is desired to forward the the same, with that to Philadelphia, by the first opportunity ——

This Meeting adjourns to the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting for Business to begin at this place tomorrow ——

10.th day, Met by adjournment —— Seth Gardner, Elect Chace and Moses Farnum attended at this time ——

By a Letter from Job Scott, this Meeting is informd that a History of the Baptists in New England, wrote by Isaac Backus hath been lately published, wherein are a Considerable number of misrepresentations concerning our Antient Friends, our Principles & practices; and that he the said Job Scott hath wrote an answer to such parts thereof as he thot necessary, and desires this Meeting to peruse said History, & Answer, and if it be thot best that the said Answer be Corrected & published — Thereupon this Meeting appoints Thomas Hazard, Thomas Steer, & Moses Farnum, to examine the History, & view the answer, & report their Sense of the whole matter to our meeting in next month ——

Swanzey Monthly Meeting having informd this Meeting, by a Minute of their Meeting of y.e 6.th of the 7.th mo. That Levi Hurd, one of their Members was under Sufferings on account of his refusing to bear arms agreeable to the military requirings, who hath Ordered him into the Army at, or near the Fishkills, who hath accordingly Set out for them parts, in a peaceable manner —— and it not appearing that

That that Meeting had taken measures for his release, this Meet-
-ing think it advisable in the members of that Meeting, if they don't
soon hear of his dismission, to Assemble & procure one, or more suit-
-able Friend to go, & seek after him, and afford him such assistance
as may be in their power, and when it is known where he is, if there
appears any thing this Meeting can do, We shall be glad to afford
every necessary assistance, for the recovery of his Liberty, & return
to his friends

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence
the 10th day of the 8th mo. 1770 — Present, Thomas
Steer, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Thomas
Hazard, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, David Buf-
-fum, John Casey, Paul Greene, George Arnold, & Thomas
Lapham Junr

The Committee appointed last month, to view
some passages in Bacon's History, & an Answer thereto
wrote by Job Scott, Report that they have been upon
the business, & not got thro' with the same, therefore they
are Continued to fulfil the appointment, & Report to our Meet-
-ing in next month

There having been accounts of sufferings brot up from
South-Kings Town, Smithfield, & Acoakset Monthly Meetings,
which have been laid before the last yearly Meeting, with some
other Accounts of particulars, not before, brot to this Meeting, the
whole is hereby directed to be recorded as on file

The Committee appointed in the 4th month, Report, that the
Cost of Horse Keeping at Smithfield upper house, in the time
of the last Yearly Meeting, amounts to Three pounds, 6/, which
sum this Meeting desires the Yearly Meetings Treasurer to pay
David Buffum, in hard Money

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This Meeting being informed there is in the yearly Meetings Treasury several sorts of paper bills that is not at this time current, do appoint David Buffum & George Arnold a Committee to confer & advise with the Treasurer respecting that matter, & if necessary, assist him in getting the same changed for the circulating medium, in the best manner they can, & report the state of the Treasury, at our next Meeting.

The Meeting adjourn to the 9th hour, to morrow morning

11th day — Met by adjournment — This Meeting being impressed with a sense of the calamities at this time attending the inhabitants of Rhode-Island, & finding an engagement to visit such of Our Brethren in religious Fellowship there, as may be come at, in Order to inspect their circumstances, & afford them such consolation & assistance, as may be necessary, & we enabled in this time of deep trial & affliction. We appoint Our Friends Thomas Hazard, Moses Varnum, Moses Brown & David Buffum, a Committee for this purpose, desiring all those whom it may concern may have a just sense of this Our benevolent intention, & permit them freely to pass, & when their business is accomplished to return to their families & Friends

And the above said Committee is directed to draw upon the yearly Meetings Treasurer for such a sum as they may think necessary to be distributed among our friends, on Rhode Island, and make report to Our next Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings specially convened at Smithfield Upper House, the 28th of the 8th mo 1778

Present, Thomas Steer, Benj. Arnold, Moses Varnum, Joseph Mitchell, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Theophilus Shaw jun. George Arnold & Thomas Lapham Jun.

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey having informed this Meeting the circumstances attending the Decease of Hannah a Member of Our Society, by a Copy of their Minute of the 20th Inst. a

As follows, The Friends that was appointed by a Meeting of Friends Specialy convened at Swanzy to Solisit for Levi Hunts release who was drafted as a Continental Soldier and Ordurd into the Army, make Report that they proceeded in that Business and made Application to the Commanding Officers in the Army for his release, who signifyd that it was not in their Power to do it, that Friends should Apply to the Civil Authority as it was by their Ordu he was drafted, and not by the Militiary; Said Friends further report that Levi appeard to be patient in his tryal in the Army and they left him at a friend house near the White plains, having Obtain'd from the Officers Liberty for him to come out of the Army for a Week, and the Clerk of this Meeting is directed to send a Copy of this Entry to the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings as soon as can be come at with Convinience

A Copy of an Entry at a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzy by Adjournment the 20th of the 8th mo. 1778

Moses Bussinton Clerk

Whereupon this Meeting thinks it incumbent on us, agreeable to Our Appointment by the Yearly Meeting for New-England to Represent his Case to the Authority of the Massechusetts, & Solicit the Council, or others in authority there, for his Release, for which purpose, we appoint, Our Friends Thos. Steer, Moses Harmon, Moses Brown, & Benja. Andt. a Committee to do their endeavors to Obtain his dismission, & when accomplished to forward the necessary papers to the proper Officer in the Army, for his Liberty, that he may return home

The following Epistle was concluded on, (to wit)

From Our Meeting for Sufferings at Jeniatly Convened at Smithfield, for New-England, the 28th of 8th mo. 1778

To Our Friends & Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia

Dear Friends, Your Epistle To this Meeting, with your last Yearly Meetings Epistle to Ours, & their testimony respecting the Jussicions & Charges against friends were read in Our Yearly Meeting, to our Edification & Comfort, but we are not now favord with them: The Commanding Officer, this whose hand

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they came, refusing to deliver them on any other terms than that they should be read & returned without our taking Copies of them; alledging, that as they contained matters of a publick nature, he could not answer it, without sending them to Congress; but when he had their permission, he would deliver them; this circumstance we mention, as we think the Interest of Society, & the cause of Truth have suffered for want of those charges publickly insinuated against us, being cleared up; and as we have not necessary of the Testimonies, save those, you will likely embrace the first Opportunity by Land, to forward us One at least, that our innocency may be made to appear.

Inclosed we send you a further list of the distribution of your Donations, which Compleats the whole, save the two sums therein mentioned to have been sent to Newport & Nantucket, of which we have not received any particular accounts —— You have also inclosed the Account Current. The small matter over paid Us, we shall make no account of, but consider the Acct as closed, unless there shall appear any Error, in which we do not expect

It hath been a suffering time on Rhode Island: a Committee of our Friends from their Meeting, hath lately visited Friends on the Island, at Portsmouth & Middletown: they found them with a temporary supply of comfortable provisions, & in general their minds as much stayed & resigned to their sufferings as could be expected from the circumstances of the time. Their stocks of Cattle were mostly drove into town, & divers houses burned by the British party, and their crops of Corn, hay & grass were devouring fast by the Americans, so that their situation will doubtless be very distressing. — In general our friends there are preserved from manifesting a Spirit of party, but have quietly submitted to both, as they have prevailed, & have mostly been treated with a degree of respect.

Our Committee's visit was very acceptable to friends, & satisfactory to themselves — & Friends in their Government since the restoration of the at

Act of Indulgence have been generally drafted, & others hired to
go into the war, for which our goods have been destrained to the
Amount of £ 2417 3, Lawful money, between our two last Yearly
Meetings; & large sums are likely to be taken, for those hired in
the room of friends in the present expedition to Rhode Island.
Friends in the Massachusetts are not called upon for personal
-al service, except a few instances, one of which, a friend who
lately became a member, was draughted, and was lately under
military restraint, in the Army at White Plains; for
whom application to the Civil Authority is about to be made;
and we hope, as hath hitherto been the case of those drafted
-ed in that Government, he will be released.
There has not been any Acct. of goods destrained, but
upon any Meeting in any other Government, during the
time mentioned that the above sum was taken in this, tho'
divers friends in other Government, as well as this, have
suffered destraint for taxes for the purposes of war.

Our Esteemed friend, John Hunt, with whom we
were acquainted, having laid down his life in his ba-
nishment, hath been sorrowfully affecting; while the re-
turn of those who were favored to survive, hath been very
comfortable. That the various trying dispensations,
which have & may attend us, may be sanctified to the indivi-
duals, & the whole Church, that so we may be strengthened
under the gracious influence of the Prince of peace, to be
faithful standard bearers of his kingdom, is the desire of,
dear friends, your brethren in the faith & tribulations of
the Gospel.

Sign'd in, & on behalf of said Meeting
by Thomas Lapham, Junr. Clerk

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And Moses Brown is desired to forward the same, with the closing account of the distribution of the Donations from thence, which were laid before this Meeting & approved of, & is as follows, viz—

Dr. Meeting for Sufferings for Pennsylvania & New-Jersey in Acc.t Curr.t with the Meeting for Sufferings for New-England — — Cr.

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| 4th-mo. 24. | To the amount of Donations delivered out, pr. acct. of Sent. this date | £ | s. d. 1968.5.2½ | 11th-mo. 21. | By Cash rec.d by the hands of David Evans & John Parish | £ 157.9.4 |
| | | | | | By 600 l. Barclay's Apologies at 6/6 Phila.da Currency | 156.. |
| 1777 | | | | 1776. | | |
| 8th-mo. 11 | To the Am.t of donations pr. 2nd acc.t now sent | | 332.13.4 | | By Moses Brown's draught on you | 40 6.. |
| 1778 | | | | | By his last draught rec.d at two different times | 40 0.. |
| 8th-mo. 27. | To the amount of the 3d acc.t now sent | | 240.. 13.9 | | By the amount of short weight on the Gold exchang.d for paper at the full price | 11.6.3½ |
| | | £ | 2541.12.3½ | | | £ 2539.6.7½ |
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28th 8th-mo. 1778 Error Excepted, in behalf of said Meeting, by Moses Brown Treasurer

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th of the 9th-mo. 1778. Present Thomas Hazard, Moses Farnum, David Buffum, Moses Brown, John Casey, George Arnold, Joseph Mitchell, Tho.s Steer, Benj.a Arnold, Paul Greene, Tho.s Lapham Jun.r & William Hoskins — —

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The Com^tee appointed Respecting Barney's History, & Job Scott's Answer, Report, that they have viewed the parts of said history refer'd to in said Answer, & gave their sense thereof to Job, who thought proper to make some additions & alterations, which they understan Dis done, but they have not viewed the same, therefore they are continued to complete the service, & report when finished ——

David Buffum & George Arnold Report, that according to appointment they have inspected the Yearly Meeting's Treasury, & found therein £124.. 10 Shillings in paper Money, not Current. £2..4.. 4: 3/4 in paper Bills now payable, and £57.. 18.. 8.. 3/4 in hard Money; — The money not Current, was reposited in a friend's hand to get exchanged for a circulating medium ——

The friends appointed at the Meeting Specially called the 28th last month, respecting Levi Hunt, report that they laid the matter before the Council at Boston, who thought it not in their Province to Act on the business, but that it belonged to the general Court, which is to Sit this week, & therefore this Meeting desires the Com^tee to further solicit for Levi's release in the best way and manner they can, & report to our Meeting in next month ——

The Meeting adjourns to 1/2 after 3, this afternoon ——

Met by adjournment —— The friends appointed last month to visit Friends on Rhode Island make the following report,

viz.

According to appointment we visited Friends on Rhode Island at Portsmouth, & Middletown. We found them generally in health, tho' stript of almost all their remaining live Stock, & had at Middletown divers of their houses burnt, as we were informed by the British party; Friends houses were much thronged by the Americans, who were very numerous on the Island; their hay, & Corn Fields, were wasting fast, horses & Oxen being loose among the

the Carr; & it was indeed a wasting time amongst them, as to their Outward Estates, yet to our Comfort, we found friends, according to our observation quiet, & pretty well Resigned in their minds; & our visit amongst them appeared to be to their satisfaction, & it was a time of Sympathy & refreshment to us, to find them in so good a frame, under their difficult Circumstances: — We assembled friends after their Meeting, & made particular enquiry, whether there were any under necessitous Circumstances, & visited a Number of Families, found One friend, with a large family, under present want, being turn'd out of his house, & stript of most of his property, to whom we gave £24, to enable him to purchase a Cow from the mains. — We saw no way to visit friends at Newport, but were informed that they were generally well about the 8th of last month, but that bread was very Scarce there

Providence 14th 9th-mo. 1778

Sam.l Hazard & Rob.t Moses Samuel David Buffum Moses Brown

At this Meeting having received a Letter from our friend Samuel Smith as follows,

To the Meeting for Sufferings next to be held at Providence

Beloved Friends, These are to Certify that Elihu Mosher is a member of our Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, & I believe he stands clear in our Testimony against bearing of Arms, or any other military Service, being taken by the British forces & carried prisoner to New York, as we are informed. If friends therefore could proceed in any measures to procure his Liberty, it would doubtless be a great comfort to his poor distressed wife & family, She having been confined to her bed, this several years —

This from your friend Samuel Smith

Dated at Dartmouth the 12th 9.mo: 1778

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Which facts & Circumstances, being Confirmed by a member of this Meeting belonging to that Monthly Meeting, we think it incumbent on us to use our endeavors for the releafe of the said Suffering friend, & accordingly appoint our Friends, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchel, & Thomas Lapham Junr. a Committee to write to our Friends Isaac Lawton, & Jacob Mott, members of this meeting on Rhode Island, to make enquiry whether the said Friend is in Newport, & follicit his releafe, & if not, to forward Letters to New York in his behalf. & also, if the way opens directly from hence to New York thro' General Washingtons Army, to forward Letters to some Friends there to follicit for his dimiffion, they to Report their doings to this Meeting in next month ——

At a Meeting for Suffering, held at Dartmouth the 7th of 10th mo. 1778. present Thomas Hazard, Benj.a Arnold, Moses Farnum, Jeremiah Austin, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, William Mosher, Benj.a Swift, Caleb Russell, Paul Greene, Thomas Hix, Ebenezer Allen, John Rogers, & Moses Brown, who is appointed Clerk for this time

The Committee appointed to follicit for Levi Hunts discharge from the Army Report, that they made application to some of the Members of the Massachusets assembly, & sent a Memorial & Petition, by one of their Members from Rehoboth, where Levi belongd, representing the facts and proceedings before had, respecting him, & desiring his dimiffion, and that they are informd that the Lower house, recd & granted the same, but some debate arising respecting the manner of their filling the vacancy, & other publick busines urging, the matter was dropt for the present — Since which Levi is got home from the Army, by an Oral dimiffion, as they are informed —

Two of the Committee to endeavor for the releafe of Elihu Mosher, Report, that they have wrote to Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott, on the subject, and presented a Copy, as

as follows, Providence 16th of the 3rd mo. 1778

Respected Friends, The Inclosed Minute of Our Meeting will inform you the immediate occasion of this Letter, as there are some Circumstances which may enable you the better to Execute the business, we think it necessary to give you this information thereof. — Our friend Seth Russel, with divers other members of our Society were taken under Guard by the army under General Gray, when they landed at Bedford, but which Seth applyd to the General, & acquainted him that he with several others were of our peaceable principles, he told him that they should be all releasd, before he left the shore, and directed him to look them up & get them together, which he did, except Elihu Mosher, and they were all discharged but Mosher not being found was taken on board the fleet. — The next day Seth obtained a flag, went off to the fleet & spoke with the General who again said he would release him, had he not been gone to New York, with other Prisoners in a vessel that had sailed. This being the case, we hope there will be no objection to Elihu's dismission when he is found; as we think the Vessel might possibly stop at Newport, it would be safest to send to you & to desire your speedy inspection & application for his return to his desolate Family his Wife we are informed hath been sick, & bedridden for almost five years; he himself having no Coat on when taken away; it will be necessary Friends take Care that he is cloathed suitable for the season, an acct of which may be sent us to be reimbursed. — If he should not be at Newport, we have Store, desire you to forward these papers to some friends at New York, by the first opportunity, with your desire that they do their endeavors for his release, as it is uncertain whether any other Conveyance from hence can be soon found. Friends hereabout, are generally well, which we shall be glad to hear of you, and of the proceedings respecting the Subject hereof, as soon as Convenient. We Conclude your friends

Moses Brown
Thomas Lapham Junr
Joseph Wilbore Jr

To which no Answer hath yet been rec.d And Dartmouth Monthly Meeting having sent to this Meeting a few lines, Notifying us of their appointment of a Committee to Confer with this Meeting on the Subject, and two of them being now present they are referd to this Meetings Committee who are continued, and desired further to use their endeavors for the release of the said Suffering friend —

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of business, which is to begin here tomorrow ——

2d day, Met by adjournment, — Jonathan Macy, Seth Gardner, Ebenezer Chace, Theophilus Howe Junr. attended this time, as also our friend Aaron Lancaster from the Oblong. —

No business appearing at this time, the meeting Concluded

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th of the 11th Month 1778, present, Thomas Hazard, Benj.a Arnold, Jeremiah Austin, Thomas Steer, Moses Brown, John Casey, Paul Greene, Seth Gardner, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchel, David Bussum, Thomas Lapham Junr. George Arnold —

Moses Brown, one of the Committee to endeavor for the release of Elihu Mosher, Reports, that he having had an opportunity, wrote to Oliver Hull, a friend in New-York, the following Letter,

Providence 16th 10th mo 1778.

Respected Friend,

The foregoing Letter, to our Friends Isaac Lawton and Jacob Mott having been sent to Newport, & no Answer yet rec.d — conclude it safest to forward a Copy to New York, that the Meeting for Sufferings, or any friends there may be engaged to solicit the release of the said Elihu Mosher, whose Wife & family, I have lately heard from, & whose difficult & afflicted Situation, call loudly upon all who have the feelings of humanity & benevolence to promote his return, and I hope no solid friend will be backward in undertake in this Case, & if necessary, apply to General Clinton himself, whose disposition to soften the Calamities of war,

I doubt not will be readily manifested ——— We shall be glad to know of the receipt of this, & your proceedings in this matter by the first opportunity ——

With Love to friends,

I Conclude thy assured friend,

Moses Brown.

Ord the Com.tee are still desired to have the Care of that matter, & report to this Meeting in next month ———

This Meeting rec.d a printed General Epistle, & a written one to Rhode Island Yearly Meeting, from the Yearly Meeting held in London 1778, which were read, and kindly accepted, and Moses Brown is desired to get 1500 Copies of the General Epistle printed, & report to this Meeting when accomplished, with the Cost thereof ———

The Meeting adjourns to the 9.th hour tomorrow morning ——— 10.th day — Met by adjournment, and there appearing no further business, so the Meeting Concludes ———

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11.th of the 12.th mo 1778. Present Thos. Steer, Benj.a Arnold, Tho.s Hazard, John Casey, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, George Arnold, Tho.s Lapham Junr.

Moses Brown Reports that he hath got the Epistles printed as directed last mo, but hath not got the printers Bill, therefore he is desired to get the bill and lay before our Meeting in next month ———

Some friends having lately been in our parts from Oblong, & Nine partners, & were desirous of having some of the above Epistles, therefore this Meeting directs Moses Brown to send one hundred of them to the Monthly Meetings at Oblong & Nine partners, for the use of friends in that Yearly Meeting, who live on the main; And Joseph Mitchell, Moses Farnum & David Buffum are desired to apportion the remaining 1400 Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings within this Yearly Meeting, & that the same be sent as soon as may be with Conveniency, & make return to our Meeting in next month ———

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Moses Brown, one of the Com^tee in the case of Elihu Mosher mentions that he hath heard that he is got home to his family, but the particular acc^t of his release is not fully known, Therefore the Com^tee is desired to make further inquiry, & report to our next meeting in next month

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzy the 6th day of the 1st Month 1779, present, Ebenezer Hazard, Benj^a Arnold, Joshua Dewal, Moses Farnum, Paine Greene, Wm Mosher, Joseph Mitchel, & Moses Brown, who is appointed to write at this time the Clerk being necessarily absent.

Moses Brown laid before this Meeting the printers Bill for the 1500 Copies of the London Epistle, amounting to £38.. which sum he having paid, the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay him that sum

The Com^tee to apportion the Epistle report they have performed that business, & that most of them are forwarded to the several Meetings

This Meeting is further informed of Elihu Mosher's return to his family, after being absent Nine weeks, that the application of this Meeting reach'd Friends in New-York, who visited & relieved the said Elihu with Victuals & Cloathing, and made application to the authority there for his release, who seemed to decline dismissing him, thereupon as a general Exchange of prisoners was soon to take place which accordingly did, and three peaceable men, taken from their homes, or without arms, was considered as an equivalent for one taken in arms

The Widow Elizabeth Smith presented her account for keeping the Widow Alice gould 8 weeks, from the 16th of y^e 4th mo. last, at 2/ £0.. 12.. which sum the yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay to Thomas Hazard in her behalf

There being divers friends from Rhode Island, who stand in need of assistance, & the state of the Treasury, & the matter of recommending a subscription agreeable to the Yearly Meeting direction being considered, the sum of £200 is

is not necessary to be raised, it is therefore recommended to the several Monthly Meetings to make Subscriptions in their respective and send up to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer as soon as may be, & Moses Brown is desired to Certify, & send Copies of this Minute to the several monthly Meetings within the yearly Meeting, as soon as may be ——

This Meeting being acquainted with the difficulty & distress of our friends with others on Rhode Island, and as the poor of Society doubtless stand in great need of Food, & provisions, Joseph Mitchell & Moses Brown, are appointed to send on to them under the Care of Jacob Mott & Isaac Lawton the value of £100, in such things as they think most useful, provided leave can be obtain'd for it, & when accomplished to make report to this Meeting ——

This Meeting adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting of Business, which begins here tomorrow ——

8th of the 1st mo. the Meeting Met according to adjournment and the Members that before attended were all present, No other business than what had been consider'd upon appearing, the Meeting Concludes ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th day of the 2nd mo. 1779 ——

present, Tho: Steer, Tho: Hazard, Joshua Davel, Jeremiah Hacker, Moses Farnum, Paul Greene, Moses Brown, John Casey, Theophilus Howe Junr, David Buffum, Joseph Mitchell, Tho: Lapham Junr, & Benj: Arnold, ——

In Consequence of a recommendation of Rhode-Island Quarter, held last month, for the monthly Meeting to make Collection for the poor Innocent Sufferers, that have lately come from Rhode Island, who are not of our Society, and send up to this Meeting to be distributed; Newport Monthly Meeting hath collected £ 0.. 11.. 2d of the present Currency, & Sent by Joshua Davel, which is deliver'd the Treasurer of this Meeting, for the purpose aforesaid, & Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell & John Casey are appointed to distribute the above sum, & the other Collection that

that may be sent to the Treasurer from the Monthly Meeting, between this & another month, at which time they are to Report to this Meeting ——

By a Letter from Thos. Robinson, to Moses Brown, we are inform'd that he hath paid Friends, at New-York, £4,, 5,, that Currency, for Cloathing delivered our friend Elihu Mosher, & Philip Howland, when Prisoners there, in Consequence of our direction — whereupon this Meeting directs Moses Brown to draw Eleven Dollars, & a quarter out of the Yearly Meeting's Stock to answer the same ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, the 8th day of the 8th mo. 1779 ——
Present, Thos. Steer, Thos. Hazard, Eber Chace, Benj. Arnold, Moses Farnum, Paul Greene, Jeremiah Austin, William Mosher, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham ——

Moses Brown Reports that the Comtee appointed to distribute to the Poor Come from Rhode Island have made a beginning in that Service, and relieved divers families, to their satisfaction, but, as many had been lately relieved by Donations from other Societies, they thot it best to defer proceeding any further for a few days. but think it might be useful to make further progress between this & another month, therefore they are continued to fulfil their appointment, & report to our Meeting in Next month, ——

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting hath collected, & sent, in Paper £17,17,4: and 12/ in Silver; for the poor Come from Rhode Island, not of our Society; — And South-Kings-Town, £10,9,3; for said Service, and the Treasurer rec'd the same ——

Moses Brown informs that he hath sent, by George Arnold & wife, the Money to Thos. Robinson, as directed last month ——

This Meeting rec'd the following Epistle, from the Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia, the 17th day of the 9th mo. 1778, with the Extracts & papers therein Mentioned, which were all

All read to our comfort & satisfaction

From our Monthly Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia for Pensylvania and New Jersey, the 17 day of the ninth mo 1778 ——

To the Meeting for Sufferings of our Friends & Brethren in New England

Dear Friends,

We have been sometime past desirous of hearing from you, being apprehensive you are, and have lately been subjected to a large share of the afflictions & probations of the present times; and in order that you might have a renewed Testimony of our Brotherly Love had appointed a committee to prepare One before the receipt of your acceptable Epistle, which is now come, and hath been read in this meeting ——

We are sensibly affected with sympathy & concern for our afflicted Friends on Rhode Island, desiring they may be preserved in faith & patience, thro' their great sufferings & distresses, and kept clear from becoming parties in the present unhappy Contest, steadily manifesting the attention we profess to the Example & precepts of our Lord & Master, the Prince of Peace, who was made perfect thro' sufferings. Heb. 2. 10. - thus the present afflicting dispensation may be sanctified to us, & we may attain to the experience of the faithful in former ages, that the "Lord our Shepherd is still with us, & that his Rod, & his Staff have comforted us." Psalm 23.4.

If we had been sooner informed of the Epistles and papers being taken and withheld from you, we should have sent duplicates thereof, which we now have desired may be done by the first suitable Conveyance; the aspersing us unjustly, & then suppressing the modest vindication we offer'd of our injured Characters, manifests a very wrong, & criminal disposition, & that those actuated thereby are not under the influence of the spirit of true judgment & justice, the consideration of which should incite us to desire & pray for their reformation.

We Observe that with you, as it is with us, there hath been a great deficiency of sending up the accounts of friends sufferings, which, beside, the general calamities of war, have been very distressing & grievious — by the depredations of the enemies & by despaints made for various military purposes, and especially for paying men hired to serve in the war, in the stead of such friends as have been draughted; some are already much Shipped, and there is a prospect of our sufferings being encreased, unless the hearts & Conduct of our Oppressors are Changed; until it may be Consistent with the Lords will to effect this, in his own way, & time, we desire to be favoured with patient resignation, without depending on the help of Man.

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The accounts you have rendered of the distribution of the money sent you for the relief of those under sufferings the last & preceding year is very satisfactory, as we are sensible the friends you employ'd to have discharged the trust with great care & fidelity, and we hope the end proposed was answered, and that a testimony of that universal Love & Goodwill to all men, we profess, was exalted & will remain in the minds of some, whose heretofore strangers to our principles.

The evidence of our being rightly concern'd to exalt this testimony by the uniform tenor of our lives and Conduct, and the diligent practice of doing good, & communicating of the blessings imparted to us, will, we trust be rewarded with that peace and satisfaction, which no temporal enjoyment can afford, and may by the renewing of divine favor tend to real Consolation in these times of adversity, when many may be brot to consider more deeply and rightly, than they have in days of ease & tranquility..

We join with you in sensibly feeling the loss we have sustained by the removal of our dear friend John Hunt, but trust it hath been to a state of everlasting happiness.

Some of our Minutes on some late weighty deliberations, when the members of our Meeting were generally convened for the purpose, we propose to send you by the first safe conveyance.

It would be a satisfaction to many here to have the Company of some of you at our approaching Yearly Meeting — at all such seasons, but more especially in these perilous times, the union of Brethren in these solemnities is desirable and profitable, but we are sensible your present Circumstances render it very difficult if not impracticable for you to come.

We Salute you in much Brotherly Love & fellowship & remain your affectionate friends and Brethren

Sign'd in and on behalf of our said Meeting

By Nicholas Waln Clerk

The Meeting adjourns to ½ after 3 this afternoon.

Met by adjournment.

This Meeting being desirous the Truth may be cleared & the Odium cast on our Society by the publication of the piece Sign'd "Spark Town Yearly Meeting" be removed by spreading the Vindication in the Testimony

herewith Sent; It is desired that Friends read the same, after reading this minute, in all our publick Monthly & particular Meetings; as soon as may be.

Moses Brown is desired to send a Copy of the above Minute, with one of the printed testimonies from Philadelphia to each Monthly Meeting, by the first opportunity, & that he Certify & Sign Copies as by the direction of this Meeting.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich, the 7th of the 4th Mo. 1770 — Present, Thomas Steer, Thos. Hazard, Benj. Arnold, Jonathan Mary, Moses Sannum, William Hosier, Thomas Hix, Paul Greene, Joseph Mitchell, Joshua Dodd, David Buffum, Theophilus Howe jun., John Casey, Moses Brown.

The Clerk being absent, Moses Brown is appointed for this time

Moses Brown Reports that a Case hath rested on the Com. lee appointed to distribute the Donations to the poor from Rhode Island, and divers have been relieved, since our last Meeting; but he having lately rec. a further sum, being part of Smithfield Monthly Meeting's Collection, the whole is not distributed, but there appears Objects of Charity sufficient to require a further sum than has yet been yet returned to this Meeting.

John Casey, one of the Com. tee to Distribute Donations acquaints this Meeting, that he rec. of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Ten pounds, four Shillings and Distributed the same, to the poor from Rhode Island, as Ack. on file.

Friends at Nantucket acquaint this Meeting that they have another Channel Contributed to the relief of the poor of Rhode-Island, before the Rec. of the Quarterly-Meeting's recommendation, which, considering the present State of Nantucket Monthly-Meeting, is Satisfactory; and any further Subscriptions for this purpose may not be expected at present

By a Certificate from the Clerk of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, it appeared to that Meeting, on the 5th Inst. that the Sum of 49 pounds 16/ will be due on the 12th Inst. with what has been paid, for the Support of the poor from Rhode Island agreable to the Minute of last Yearly Meeting respecting such poor; the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is therefore directed to pay Tho.

Thomas Aldrich that Jam; for the use of said Monthly Meeting ——— The Monthly Meeting of Accomack set having sent up an acct of sufferings, which not appearing to full as Jam; necessary, the following lines were directed to that Meeting, with the acct returned; Dear Friends, We observe in your acct of sufferings, that at two different times, & by two different Officers, Money hath been taken from David Irish, without such particular Circumstances being mentioned as will carry an Evidence of clearness in the Friend, We fear our testimony will not be Strengthened by the transmission of such acct to posterity; We therefore desire the Mon: Mg: Meeting to Certify such particular Circumstances respecting the Officer's getting at the Key's & many as may prevent the arising of that fear which now attends Friend's minds on reading your acct. A Copy of which the Clerk is desired to Certify & send to that Meeting ———

The Meeting adjourns to Lat 4 after the fourth hour, this afternoon ——— At Mtg's adjournment,

John Casey not present, by reason of his wife's illness ———

The time & place for holding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th mo. in Case the way to Rhode Island should remain Obstructed, being considered, it is concluded to be held, as directed in the 5th mo. 1777, that Minute being approved of by that Yearly Meeting; ——— And Moses Farnum, & David Buffum are appointed to provide Horse keeping for Friend's accommodation

This Meeting Concludes.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 10th of the 5th mo. 1779. Present, Tho: Hazard, Benj: Arnold, Tho: Steer, Moses Farnum, Paul Greene, Joseph Mitchell, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham.

Moses Brown presented an acct of the Com:rs's distribution to the poor from Rhode Island, amounting to £ 121 17 6 of which he had rec: but £ 98 18 7 the overplus he advanced, which

which he expects is subscribed at Smithfield Monthly Meeting, but not paid in; — the acc.t is rec.d & ordered to be lodged on file ——

This Meeting being informed that a Number of Friends on Nantucket were shipt of some part of their property, with others by a party, or parties taken there under arms, and being desirous of holding up our testimony against such proceedings, as well as to endeavour for redress if the way opens, the monthly Meeting of Nantucket is desired to take proper care to ascertain the losses, & damages that their members have sustained, by causing a particular an Acc.t to be taken of the Articles taken from them; their value, by whom; and whether by any, (& if any by what) authority they thus suffered; — And the Clerk is desired to send a Copy of this minute to the Clerk of the monthly Meeting at Nantucket, who are desired to send the acc.t to this Meeting as soon as may be ——

This Meeting Concludes to meet in next month on the 4.th day of the week the Yearly Meeting is to meet in, at the lower Meeting house in Smithfield ——————

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield Lower House the 9.th day of the 6.th m.o 1779. Present, Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Eber Chace, Joshua Devol, Jeremiah Thacher, Jon.a Dame, Samuel Gould, Moses Farnum, William Mowsher, Joseph Mitchell, Jeremiah Austen, Ebenezer Allen, Moses Brown, Thomas Hicks, Paul Greene, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Havard.

An Account of Friends Sufferings belonging to Smithfield Monthly Meeting dated 27.th of the 5.th m.o 1779. Amounting to £1117, reckoning Moses Browns Acc.t only £19-10/, was read and Approved of and Ordered to be recorded with the Acc.t brot in last year.

For these Acc.ts of Sufferings see page 22, &c. at the other end of this book

The Acc.t of Friends Sufferings brought in this year from Kingston Monthly Meeting Amounting to £819, was read Approved and Ordered to be recorded, but as the Particular Articles Distraind from One friend [John Nichols] is Neither Apprised nor Valued said Monthly Meeting is desired to transmit the same to a future Meeting and be more careful for time to come ——

A Duplicate of the Epistle of the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia of the 19.th of the 2.d m.o 1778, the Original of which was detaind by Gen.l Sullivan, after Liberty to read it only in

in Our Yearly Meeting without leave of taking a Copy thereof having been rec^d in the 3^Mo last under cover from that Meeting the same is directed to be recorded and is as follows.

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania and New Jersey the 19^th of the 2^Mo 1778.

To Our Friends and Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings at Providence for New England.

Dear Friends Your Epistle of the 11^th of the 8^th mo last came seasonably to hand and would have been long since replied to, if the way for such Intercourse had been Open; but that being of late much Clos'd, we have been discouraged from Attempting to Certify you of Our brotherly Sympathetick Remembrance in those Seasons of deep Trial and frequent Conflict, wherein many with you, as well as among us in those Once peaceful Lands are Exercised, those Dispensations are not design'd to be fruitless of Substantial good but to become a means of increasing our Knowledge and Experience that that the grace of God is not bestow'd upon us in vain and that by an honest uniform Submission to its holy Operation, we may be fitted for an Incorruptible Inheritance, Many of our forefathers or Predecessors in the Truth, Suffer'd much for its sake in an humble Steady care to maintain a Conscience Void of Offence toward God and toward Men and if Stripping of Goods with Other Sufferings become yet more our Lot and yours on the same Account let us not be dismayed or murmur, but with Instruction remember and labour to be Establish'd in the same Mind wherein the holy Apostle formerly we doubt not had Peace, when he declared "I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have Suffer'd the Loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ" Ought we not then to hold fast the Profession of Our Faith without Wavering, be patient and hope to the End, believing that all things shall Eventually work together for Good, if our Conversation be Uniformly Ordered in the Fear of God. To this desirable End we hope the Labours of the Two Friends from New York Government who were with you at the date of your above Acceptable Epistle of 11^th 8^Mo have Contributed. It is doubtless for so great and glorious a cause that the Lord of the Harvest is sending his Messengers from Place to place, that Knowledge may be not only Increased, but the the people prevailed upon to a care that their Obedience may keep pace with Knowledge and become more established in the Truth as it is in Jesus. Your Sympathy with us in our Afflicted Circumstancy is Brotherly and very Acceptable, the Times are

are Gloomy and exercising, but the Outgoings of the Morning are of God, in whose Will we desire Humbly to Acquiesce

It is likely most of you have been Acquainted that in the 9th Mo. last Fifteen of our Brethren in Religious Fellowship and well Esteemed amongst us and several Other Peaceable Inhabitants were by Congress and the Executive Council confind in this City upwards of a week, in which Time they remonstrated repeatedly and Indeavoured to convince their Adversaries of the Unreasonableness and Injustice of their Proceedings against them, but they proving ineffectual they were sent to Winchester in Virginia about 200 Miles from hence where they have the Previlege of Riding Six Miles. It is now near four Months since their Arrival there, many Letters have come from them to their Connections here by which we learn they are favoured with Peace and Tranquility of mind in their Sufferings for the Testimony of a good Conscience, their Religious Meetings are sometimes attended by people not professing with them which we are informed are much Edified with the Openings of Truth and we hope their present difficulty, and probation will conduce to the Spreading the Testimony of Truth. Orders were issued to remove Our said Friend to Hampton near 300 Miles from hence, but upon the Application of our friend Isaac Zane and John Parish from this City in Company with several Other Friends the Congress Board of War were prevailed on to Suspend the Order, and they continue there at present, their Wives and Indeavours are now Applying to several of Friends and Other well disposed persons to Obtain Liberty for our said Friends Return to their Family, which we hope in the Lord Time will be Obtained,

We are favored to hold our Meetings in this City as usual; Friends generally have Staid in their dwellings, & maintain a Care to Act consistant with their Religious principles, & are preserved in Love & harmony among themselves, tho' we have been & are Subject to many Trials, exercises & Sufferings

The account you give of your distributing the Monies we sent for the relief of the distressed in your Country is very Satisfactory to us, it appears you have been diligently attentive to the Trust, & we doubt not the remaining Sum in your hand will be Suitably applied

With the Salutation of Love we remain your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & by Order of the Meeting

by Nicholas Waln Clerk

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The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich sent an acct amounting to £37.. 4.. 0. due to that Meeting the 7th of the 6th m° 1779. for the support of the poor that came off Rhode-Island which Jun this Meeting directs the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer to pay — The Acct of Friends sufferings brot in this year from the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich amounts to £1220.. 18.. 0.- which being read is approved of, & directed to be recorded — 21 end of book

This Meeting adjourns to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting for business that is to begin at Smithfield upper house next day after to morrow

12 mo 15. day. The Meeting met by adjournment

The Yearly Meeting having dismist the former members, all but Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott, made a new appointment of the following Friends (viz) Thomas Steer, Moses Farnum, William Hopkins, Thomas Hendrick, George Comstock, Josiah Southwick, Joshua Fulford, James Neal, Elisha Thornton, Jonathan Dane, Moses Brown, Thomas Hazzard, John Bailey, Thomas Lapham, John Winslow, Thomas Arnold, Joshua Deval, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Macy, Samuel Smith, John Robinson, Daniel Coggeshall, Jethro Mitchell, Jonathan Dan, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Willbur & David Buffum — who have the same authority & are under the same directions & limitations as the former Meeting for Sufferings, had

Moses Brown is appointed Clerk of this Meeting

This Meeting directed the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer to pay Caleb Rotch sixty pounds, in full for his acct of his boarding this Yearly Meeting

Jonathan Macy presented his acct of the distribution of

£ 11.. 4.. paper, & £ 3.. 12.. hard Mony, of Friends donations to the Westward, which is ordered to be lodged on file —

This Meeting adjourns to the day before the Convening of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, which is to be held on the 5th day before the second 6th day in next month, then to meet at Smithfield lower house at the tenth hour ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield lower house, the 7th of the 5th mo. 1770.

Present — Thomas Hazard, Joshua Deval, Daniel Cafs, Thomas Willbur, Samuel Smith, Thomas Flowers, Joseph Mitchell, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, David Buffum, Thomas Steer, Thomas Lapham, Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold

Two of the Committee appointed to examine Jobe Bicknell's remarks, & Answer to Isaac Backus's History, as it respects our Society, report that they have not fully compleated that business & the friends named in a former Meeting to treat with said Backus upon the subject, & propose his making such corrections as may appear necessary, & publish the same himself, for the clearing the truth, acquainting this Meeting they have had a Conference with him upon the subject, by which it appears to be the desire of some of Backus's friends that the matter should be compromised without Friends publishing their Answer, he manifesting no reluctance thereat, but appearing desirous to be Friend's remarks, that he may be able to consider the matter, & be qualified to Judge whether he could give satisfaction himself or not, the matter referr'd to Thomas Steer, Thomas Hazard, & Moses Brown who were of the Committee appointed to examine the remarks, together with Thomas Arnold, Job Scott, & Moses Brown, who are desired to meet & make further examination, & lay before Backus what may appear to them best to answer the purpose of effecting his making such satisfaction as they may think necessary, & report to this Meeting as soon as may

Our Friends Thomas Hicks & Benjamin Howland the Second, of Dartmouth, having sent a few lines to this Meeting dated the 2nd Inst. acquainting us that they are informed Samuel Smith, Jam.

Samuel Prafford & Benjamin Smith, members of our so-
ciety, are in prison at New York or Rhode Island, but it
not appearing on board what Vessel they were take, where she
was from, nor whether they have kept our Testimony & stood
against War, in this time of Calamity, it is the advice of
this Meeting that the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, make
Speedy inspection into their Conduct, & if it appear, it hath
been such, that the Authority can be Certified of their peace-
able behavior, they signify the same, with a particular account
of the friend, the Name of the Vessel taken on board, with the
Name of the Master, where they were from, & by whom taken,
if they can; with such other circumstances as may excite the attention
of Friends where they may be, to Solicit for their release, & the humani-
ty of the Authority to dismiss them, & convey the same to our Friends
Moses Brown, & Thomas Arnold, who are appointed a Committee to take
such further steps for their release, as may appear best, & to report to our
next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this minute
to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting as soon as may be

David Buffum informs this Meeting that the remaining
Expence for horse keeping at our late Yearly Meeting is
Sixty three pounds, twelve shilling, L. M. which the Treasu-
rer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to pay him

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting
of business which is to begin here to morrow
9th day, Met by adjournment — Moses Brown attended, at
this time

The Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meet-
ing of Rhode Island record Books being on Rhode Island, &
this Meeting apprehending it necessary that the minutes, &
other papers which are on the main be recorded, on conferring up-
on the matter, conclude to refer the same for further consideration in what
manner it may be best to procure them

The Meeting adjourns to the second seconday of next month, then
to meet at Providence, at the 10th hour

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At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th of the 8th mo. 1779. Present, Thomas Hazard, Wm Mosher, Tho: Wilbur, Tho: Ellery, Moses Tarnum, George Sanford, Tho: Lapham, Joseph Mitchell, Josiah Southwick, John Bailey, Jun. Elisha Thornton, Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold, David Buffum & Tho: Steere

This Meeting being being informed by a Letter from a Committee of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting that Seth Huddlestone who is a Member of our Society, was drafted as a Soldier, and it appearing necessary that application be made for his release, the following was directed to be signed by the Clerk, on behalf of this Meeting, & sent to Dartmouth, to the Care of that Monthly Meeting's Committee, upon this Subject.

The Meeting for Sufferings for New-England, on behalf of the Society of People called Quakers, held at Providence, the 9th of the 8th mo. 1779

To the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, &c.

Respectfully Sheweth, That Seth Huddlestone of Dartmouth, who is a Member of Our Religious Society, was draughted on or about the 26th of the 7th mo: last, as a Soldier, to do Military Duty for the Space of Nine months, in Consequence of a Resolve of Your Court — and now stands as a prisoner in the Custody of the Military Authority, but only permitted the indulgence of the Officers to remain at home until opportunity can be had to lay his Case before you — We therefore take this Opportunity, on his behalf, to request your serious attention to, & Consideration of his Case, & to extend to him that religious Liberty and exemption from Military Services, which you by the Law of Righteousness would desire, were you Conscientiously Convinced that war was inconsistant with the purity of the gospel dispensation, he appearing to be such a person, & of sober Life & Conversation — And We are encouraged to expect this will be the more readily granted, as it appears by a resolve of the General Court, to have been their design not to compel any Man to be active in War, who was Conscientiously perswaded that it was inconsistant with his Religious Duty, will

With desires for the happy experience of that divine message, Peace on Earth, & good will to men, We Conclude your Friends

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by } Moses Brown Clerk

The Committee respecting Backus's History, & the remarks thereon, report, that agreeable to appointment, they have made a short summary of Remarks &c. & objections to his History, a Copy of which is lodged on file, signed by Moses Brown, Job Scott, & Thomas Arnold, Who report that the same was delivered Isaac Backus about a Week since, & that upon a Conference with him on the subject, the matter was left for him to make some reply within two months, or as soon as may be, whereupon the whole of the said Committee appointed last month, are continued to use their endeavors to have the said History corrected as far as may be by the said Backus himself, before they proceed to Complete an Answer thereto, and to report thereon in the 10th mo. or sooner if any thing is done

The Friends appointed in the Case of the Suffering Friends from Dartmouth, Report, that the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Transmitted the Intelligence requested, but the Committee hearing the prisoners were dismissed did nothing in that matter, and we now have the satisfaction to be informed that two of them have got home to their families, that Trapp for was released but taken sick in New-Jersey

It appearing to this Meeting that there is about 7/12 weeks board due to Elisabeth Smith for keeping the Widow Alice Gould, amounting to £4 4s. 8d. Thomas Aldrich is desired to draw that sum out of the Yearly Meeting Treasury & pay the said Elisabeth Smith, taking her Receipt

This Meeting Concluding to send for a number of the Journals of our Friend John Churchman deceased, do that we manifest our affectionate remembrance of our Brethren of the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia; Our Friends Thomas Lapham, Josiah Southwick, John Bailey Junr. Moses Brown, &

And Thomas Arnold are appointed to Draft an Epistle to this Meeting, & consider of the number of Books proper to send for, & Report at our Meeting in next month

The Consideration of procuring the Record Books from Rhode Island is repeid to our next Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 9th mo: 1779

Present Thomas Hazard, Tho: Wilbur, Tho: Aldrich, Joshua Doval, Samuel Smith, Tho: Lapham, Jo: Mitchell, David Buffum, John Bailey, Jr, Tho: Arnold, Tho: Steer, Moses Brown, Moses Farnum, Elisha Thornton

An Epistle from the National half Years Meeting held in Dublin by adjournments from the 3d day of the 5th mo. 1778, to the 7th of the same inclusive, being read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction, & the seasonable advice therein Contained, being also very suitable to the present State of Society in those parts, is recommended to the solid attention & practical Observance of Friends within this Yearly Meeting; & Thomas Arnold, & Moses Brown are appointed to procure 1500 Copies reprinted, & bring to this Meeting as soon as may be, or forward them to the several Quarters, if opportunity should offer

The procuring of the Records from Rhode Island having been Considered, the getting of the Yearly Meetings Record Books is repeid for the advice of that Meeting, & it is proposed to lay this Consideration before Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, for them to advise respecting them, as they may think proper. — Should they conclude to send for them, this Meetings assistance may be expected & desired

By a Minute of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield, there appearing to be due to the Widow of Samuel Steeren, for keeping one of the poor of Society, from Rhode Island, £58, 10/ L M. The Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to pay to Thomas Arnold that sum

The Committee appointed last Month made Report & Prepared an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia which being read & with some additions approved, the same was

was Signed by the Clerk, & it as follows,

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England, the 13th of the 9th mo. 1770.

To the Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia for Pennsylvania & New Jersey

Dear Friends, We have for sometime thot of manifesting a Brotherly Remembrance by the renewal of our Correspondence, & the way being agreeably open at this time, we have to acknowledge the rec.t of your acceptable Epistle of the 17th of the 9th mo. last Year, with the Extracts of your Minutes & other papers therein mentioned, which came to hand in the 3d mo. last, & were laid before our Yearly Meeting, with the Extracts from your Yearly Meeting Minutes received by One of our Members, under Cover from the Clerk of that Meeting.

As your proceedings in your application to authority for the releafe of the Suffering friends, with your Care to preserve a Union of sentiment respecting the Laws on which they were confined, was very satisfactory to us, so you will observe by the inclosed Epistle from our late Yearly Meeting to your next, that the proceedings of your last Yearly Meeting, communicated in the Extracts of their Minutes, was Comfortable & Useful

And altho' it seems your application to the authority had not the immediate desired effect, yet as the holding up to the view of the present rulers, & others, the rights of Conscience, & our just Claim to Civil & religious Liberty, is Consistant with the antient practice of Friends, & may in this day of Darkness & Confusion, ~~[illegible]~~ we do not be of use. We are desirous it may be duly attended to upon all Necessary occasions

It was Comfortable to be informed by a Letter from one of your Members, in the 1st mo. accompanying your Epistle & papers, that "Friends and other Conscientious people had received relief from the rigor of the Act of abjuration & allegiance in a manner which ought to be an incitement to faithfulness & an humble reliance on that divine power which over rules the passions & Counsels of men"

It is with satisfaction we learn that the Journal of our deceased Friend John Churchman, is about to be printed, & we have told Jno. Pemberton to send us 300 Volumes, as soon as may be with Convenience, & in the mean time inform us of the price, that the money may be collected & seasonably forwarded to you

Friends in this Yearly Meeting, as far as we know, are at present free from personal

Personal Sufferings; but our Estates are taken either by fine, or by way of Tax to carry on the war: — The amount of Sufferings mentioned in the inclosd Epistle, respects this Government only, being principally for fines in lieu of personal service: — The Destraints in the Governments of the Massachusets & Newhampshire, have been mostly for Taxes, & these generally blended with the Charges of Civil Government, which not having been concluded to be sufferings for the Testimony of Society; the amount of their sufferings hath not yet been bro't up & ascertained.

Sensible that the Union of Brethren at such seasons as your approaching Annual Solemnity, is desireable & profitable, we are glad of the present opportunity of Conveyance, by Our esteemed Friends, Moses Farnum, & Joseph Mitchell, who from brotherly Sympathy have manifested their Concern to attend your Yearly Meeting in this season of probation, and as they are well acquainted with the state of friends here & fellow Members, with whom we have near sympathy, & Concurrence in their Visit, please to be referd to them, for a more particular account of what you may be Concernd to know respecting the State of the Church or any branch thereof among us.

An Epistle from the half years Meeting of Friends in Ireland, by means of your Care in republishing, having been read in this Meeting to our Comfort, We have directed the same reprinted, that Copies may be sent to Each family within this Yearly Meeting, which we mention to manifest our Unity with your Concern, that the usefulness of so Valuable an Epistle should be more generally extended.

Our Correspondence having been small for the year past, we take this Opportunity to manifest a renewed desire of keeping it up on all Occasions, and that by a faithful attention to Concern in practice to our holy profession, we may become more & more able to admonish & strengthen each other & those over whom we are plaied as delegated watchmen, to the divine glory, & our enlarged Comfort, by the Extendings of that Love, in a Degree of which we at this time Salute you, & bid you farewell

Signd in & on behalf of said Meeting by Moses Brown Clerk

This Meeting adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting of Business to be held at Lynn, for Salem, on the 25th of this Month

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn by adjournment the 25th of the 9th mo 1779 — Present, Thomas Steer, Joseph Fulford, Thomas Rotch, Jeremiah Hacker, Josiah Southwick, Jonathan Neal, Jonathan Dane, John Bailey, John Winslow, John Rawlins, David Barnum, & Moses Brown

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After Confering upon Several Matters the Meeting adjourns to the 4th day before Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, to be held next at Dartmouth, then to meet at the 10th hour

At a Meeting for Sufferings held by adjournment at Dartmouth, the 6th of the 10th mo. 1779

Present — Thos. Hazard, Thos. Aldrich, Joshua Fulgome, James Neal, Wm. Mosher, Samuel Smith, Moses Brown

A written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London, from the 24th to the 29th of the 5th mo. last, to the Yearly Meeting of New England, was read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction & Comfort

The accounts of Sufferings from the Monthly Meeting of Ackoakset, was read in this Meeting, amounting to £153,8/ to the 25th of the 3rd mo. last, which is directed to be recorded

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Agreeable to the Minute in the 8th mo last the Committee to treat with Isaac Backus reported a Letter they received from the said Isaac, respecting the Subject, & as it appears necessary that matter be still referr'd to the Care of the same Committee, they are Continued & desired to attend that Business, & Report their proceedings from time to time, as occasion may be

It appearing to this Meeting that the Yearly Meeting's Treasury is nearly exhausted, & money is now wanted for the Support of the poor, & reprinting Epistles, & the Yearly Meeting having referr'd the recommendation of a Collection, to us, when it should appear necessary, we have therefore to recommend to friends of the several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings, to make subscriptions in their freedom, & send in the money to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer, as soon as may be, & the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to each Quarterly Meeting, to be by them sent down to the several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of Business which is to be in here to morrow

Met by adjournment the 8th of the 10th mo.

Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Joshua Davol, Elisha Thomson, & Thomas Willcox attended at this time

No Business appearing the Meeting Concluded

&c

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence, the 8th of the 11th mo. 1779

Present, Thomas Steer, Thos. Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Samuel Smith, Thos. Wilbur, John Bailey, Elisha Thornton, Thos. Arnold, Moses Brown, Thos. Lapham, George Comstock, David Buffum

This Meeting being informed that Thos. Gould Junr. & Aaron Ca members of our Society, are Committed to Goal in Newport, but t not appearing what they are deprived of their liberty for, & this Mee ing considering it necessary to have some care of them in this time of dif ficulty & Distruct, do appoint our Friends Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Arnold & Moses Brown to inspect into the Circumstances, & affor them all the relief & assistance they can consistant with our religious testimon And to Report to our next meeting

This Meeting being informed that David Fisk Junr was taken out of h house by a file of soldiers, & by Order of General Prescot, as we understand, was imprisond, & then put on bord of a ship & Carried with the fleet when Rhode Island was Evacuated by the british troops, & upon enquiring of divers members of this Meeting, he was not only Clear of the matter said to be charged against him, but that he had not done any thing contrary to our Christian testimony, or whereby he merited such severity, our Friends Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, & Moses Brown are desired to write to the Meeting for Sufferings in the Government of New York, where it is supposed he is carried, & engage friends there to solliciat the release of the said David Fisk Junr & to supply him with what his occasions may necessarily require, for his safe & comfortable return to his afflicted family

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 12th mo: 1779

Present — Thomas Hazard, Thos. Wilbur, Thos. Aldrich, Wm. Rosher, Thos. Lapham, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, John Bailey, Thos. Arnold, Moses Brown

Two of the Committee appointed last month to assist the frien in Goal at Newport, Report that they all attended at the sitting of the Court at Newport, & finding no mittimus, nor matter of charge filed against them, other than a general one, exprest in the Bond viz. of "being adherent to aiding, & assisting the King of great Britain his fleet & armies:" nor no proof or evidence of this Charge appearing, they moved to the Court their Opinion that such proceedings would

would be too severe against all who live up to our peaceable profession, & that the giving bond in such cases would be ye straitening to some such minds that they would submit to imprisonment rather than enlargement on them conditions, tho' there was no particular agreement or Rule of Society respecting it; but the friends reluctantly submitted to give Bond to appear at the Court with Surties, & to abide & fulfil their sentence & adjudication ~

The friends appointed in the sorrowful Case of David Sisk report that they wrote & forwarded a Letter to New York, but that he was previously assisted by friends there, & obtained his release, & return'd home, but was soon after taken sick of the small pox which he caught in the natural way in his absence, & died, leaving a sorrowful & distressed family, as well as many friends to Lament his Death ——

The Meeting adjourns to meet after the 3d hour, this afternoon ~ Met by adjournment ——

Appearing by a minute of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the 11th mo. last, that Ninety five pounds 13/9. L.M. is due for the support of poor from Rhode Island, & this Meeting is desired to direct the same to be paid to Thomas Arnold, the Yearly Meeting Treasurer is therefor requested to pay him that sum ——

A Letter from a Committee of this Meeting for suffering at Philadelphia (a copy of which follows this minute) being read to satisfaction, Moses Brown is appointed to procure the sum of £315 Philadelphia Currency, therein mentioned, by drawing Bills on John Drinker & Joseph Bringhurst, agreeable to the direction in the said Letter, and when the money is rec.d to replace the sum of L.60 Lawful money which this Meeting desires Moses Brown to take of the Yearly Meeting Treasurer & send to Nantucket to the Care of Jonathan Macy & Jethro Mitchell, who are hereby appointed to Lay out the same in the Necessaries of Life, & distribute to the necessitous poor in our Society there, unless where they may think it best to hand them the money, the report to be made to our next Meeting ——

This Meeting being informed by a Letter from Philadelphia, that 350 of John Churchman's Journals which this Meeting had engaged, are ready, it is therefore advised that

That the several Monthly Meeting take proper Measures to get Subscriptions, & the money, at two thirds of a Silver Dollar each Book, of such Friends as desire to have them, & forward the same to this Meeting in two Months, & in Case of a Subscription for a larger number than what is ordered, this Meeting will distribute the Number of Books rec.d to the several Monthly Meetings, in proportion to their Subscription, and they may deliver them to those who pay their money first, and as a new Edition is about to be made, it's likely all may there be supplied and as the Book is considered by those who have read it to be highly useful, it is recommended to Friends, generally to Subscribe, which may be an inducement to reprint it the sooner. — and the Clerk is desired to send a Copy of this minute to all the Monthly Meeting, within the Yearly Meeting, as soon as may be.

One Hundred of London General Epistles, & the like number particularly to the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, being rec.d from Philadelphia, are distributed, and forwarded towards the several Monthly Meetings.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 13th of the 1st mo. 1780

Present, Thomas Hazard, Joshua Davel, Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott, Wm Mosher, Samuel Smith, Sho.r Arnold Moses Brown

Several matters being conferd upon, the Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting Business, tomorrow Met by adjournment —

Moses Brown for the Committee reports that the Dublin Epistles are printed, & forwarded to the several Monthly Meeting, & that the printer's acc.t which he has paid, is £100, which sum the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to repay him.

There appearing to be a number of suffering Friends in Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, whose necessities require speedy relief, Jacob Mott, & Isaac Lawton are appointed to receive of the Treasurer of this Meeting out of the Donation of Friends in Ireland 150 Silver Dollars, & apply it to their relief, either

Either in Wood, & other necessaries, or in money, as they may think
best ~ Samuel Smith, Wm. Mosher, & Joshua Russel
are appointed to receive 25 Silver Dollars for the relief of diver
of our Friends
families in Dartmouth ~

Thomas Hazard is appointed to receive Eight Dol-
lars, and apply to the relief of some suffering poor at South-
Kingstown ~

+ Here follows the Letter mention'd in the last Cass, & Introduced
by One from Dublin to the following Friends, Viz

John Reynell, Owen Jones, Hugh Roberts, Robert Wain,
Nicholas Waln, Joseph Bringhurst, Samuel Emlen,
Joshua Howell, Williams Fisher, Abel James, & John
Drinker ~

Dublin, 11: mo. 4. 1778

Dear Friends, The half years Meeting for the Nation
of Ireland, held in Dublin, last fifth month, was inform-
ed by an Extract of a Letter from you to several Friends in
London, of the distress many Friends in and about Philadelphi-
a were in, for want of provisions & other necessaries of life, which
affecting account they took under their solid Consideration, &
apprehending the like Calamity had reached to many other
of our dear friends in various parts of North America, did, from
a near, affectionate, & brotherly Sympathy, recommend to friends in the dif-
ferent provinces to be generous in a subscription for their relief, which
was set on foot previous thereto. — But as that was likely to take some
time before it could be compleated, or the amount of the Sums subscri-
bed known & willing to Contribute as much as in their power towards a
speedy Supply, directed their Committee to write you a Letter inform-
ing that they had given directions to our friends John Dawson Cooley,
& Joseph Pike of this City to honour your Bill or Bills for any
Sum, not exceeding one thousand pounds, which Letter was wrote, &
dated 5th mo. the 11th 1778. & Sign'd on behalf of said Committee by
Thomas Greer, Samuel Neale, Thomas Wily, John Dawson Cooley,
Joseph Inman, Ebenezer Pike, James Forbes, Joseph Pike, & Joseph
Williams; three duplicates of which were sent to which we refer

Since which time no Account has been received from you c

And Accounts being received at our late National Meeting (which ended thirday) of the amount of Subscriptions, they directed their Committee to write again: We therefore inform you the friends pretty generally in this Nation, according to ability, have chearfully subscribed for the before mentioned purpose, to the amount of two thousand pounds Ster: & upwards, which sum will be ready for your Order or disposal, in such way & manner as you may point out to us; & judge most likely to answer the Charitable purpose intended; your directions with regard to the remitting of it, shall be carefully attended to, submitting the disposal thereof (for suffering friends in the sundry parts of North America where wanted) to the Meeting of Sufferings in Philadelphia

In much affectionate regard & feeling Sympathy for our Dear suffering Brethren & Sisters every where

We conclude Your loving friends,

James Forbes
John Dawson Coates
Thomas Greer
Joseph Inman
Joseph Pike
Joseph Williams

To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England

Dear Friends, Having the Company of our Esteemed friends Moses Farnum & Joseph Mitchell at a late sitting of our Meeting for Sufferings, the Situation of our Brethren on the Island of Plan- Tuckel, & in other parts of new England, on our enquiry was related by them, many of whom may stand in need of assistance & fall within the meaning of the Donation of friends in Ireland entrusted to Care of our said Meeting — We were appointed a Committee to Conclude and forward such relief as the occasion might appear to require: whereupon having considered the matter committed to our Care, & conferd with our friends Moses Farnum & Joseph Mitchell thereon, and also made enquiry into the most easy safe method of forwarding the means of relief to our reduced & suffering Brethren in your part we now inform you that the sum of £315. in hard money, reckon Spanish

Spanish milled Dollars at 7/6 each, english Guineas at 35/ and half Johannis's weighing 3 dwt at 60/ each, will be paid to such order as a Committee of your Meeting may draw on our friends John Drinker & Joseph Bringhurst of this City; having been told by persons acquainted with the Commerce of your Country, that it will not be difficult to sell such Orders to persons connected with this place.

From the foregoing Copy of a Letter received from a Committee of the National Meeting of Friends in Ireland, may be collected a knowledge of our said friends benevolent intentions in raising the money, & how it may be most properly disposed of, in Conformity thereto; it appearing to be consistant with their meaning that this Supply should be put under your direction; to you, therefore, we submit the manner of distributing it, not doubting but you will consider the Situation & varied Circumstances of those to whose benefit you apply this aid, furnishing them with Money or Necessaries, so as most effectually to Contribute to their relief.

Should you upon inspection apprehend that a less Sum than £315 may be sufficient for affording the needful help, we then desire your Orders may be confined to the amount really wanted; but if on the contrary you find there is real want of a larger Supply, & suffering friends are not likely to be otherwise relieved, we desire you will forward to us speedy & full information thereof, that the same may be communicated to our Meeting for Sufferings, for their Consideration.

Your Epistle of the 13th of last mo. was delivered by our said friends, & read in our Meeting to our Comfort & Satisfaction & expect they will ere long write you an Answer thereto.

We salute you in Brotherly Love

& are your Friends

John Reynell
James Pemberton
John Pemberton
Charles Jr & Jr
John Drinker
Henry Drinker
Wm Wilson

Philadelphia 10. mo. 18. 1779

P.S. as you have desired to have 300 of our Friend John Churchmans Journals, the amount being £6 6s. may, if you think proper be discounted out of the above mentioned sum.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the 2d mo: 1780

Present Thomas Hazard, Joshua Davis, Thomas Ladrich, Moses Farnum, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, Elisha Thornton David Buffum, George Comestock, Thomas Lapham, Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold & Thomas Steere. Our Friend Abraham Griffith from Pennsylvania also attends at this time

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia having been read in this Meeting to Satisfaction the same is directed to be recorded as follows

"From our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania and New Jersey the 10th day of the 11th mo: 1779 To the Meeting for Sufferings for New England

Dear Friends Our Esteemed Friends Moses Farnum & Joseph Mitchell delivered us your Epistle of the 13th of 9th mo: last It was pleasing to hear from you, and their Company & example at our yearly Meeting which they attended, was instructive & acceptable and we desire that other solid Friends who feel a draft of Love to attend that Meeting hereafter may not be discouraged from outward Prospects, but regard the Influence of divine Love, trusting to the Lord to make way for and preserve them. These Friends on their Return, & the Epistle from our Yearly Meeting will inform you in part, of the Exercise & Concern of Friends then assembled, and their Deliberations & Conclusions on divers weighty Matters which came before them at that time, having at that time to be humbly thankful for the Mercy & Kindness of divine Providence then manifested to us.

You may find a growing Concern spread among Friends for the Exaltation and promotion of Truth & Righteousness, and the Peaceable Rule and Government of Christ Jesus our Lord, and that the professors of the Blessed Truth may more fully experience the Virtue and power thereof, to set them free from every Entanglement that impedes their Progress in true Religion & Godliness, in Order that Faithfulness to the Lord in the day of Probation may be manifested.

Trials of Various kinds continuing to Multiply, the

Foundations

Foundations of many appear likely to be greatly proved, by a late Supplement to the Test Law in Pennsylvania, and others grievously Oppressive; but the Lord is also sufficient to support his truly Depending Children and Cause all these afflictions to work for good, as they keep the word of his Patience. We have however thought it Necessary on Mature Deliberation, by a Memorial to lay before the present Assembly of Pennsylvania the sense we have of the Injustice & Oppression of those Laws a Copy of which we send you, what effect it may have we must leave.

We find by your Epistle that you were free from Personal sufferings, though your Estates taken for the Support of War; We desire that both you and we may be preserved in Faithfulness under all Tryals, and that the truly Conscientious may be countenanced and Incouraged to attend to the Secret direction & Counsel of divine Wisdom, carefully adhereing to their tender Scruples against Joining in any measure with the Spirit of War.

In our Collection of the Account of sufferings Cases it hath been the Care of Friends that the Articles taken should be Valued at a Moderate Rate, & as the Currency formerly was before this Sorrowful Contest And whether a like Practice with you would not be more Consistant and Advisable, we take the Liberty to Recommend to your Consideration.

The Circumstancy of our beloved Friends of Nantucket & Newport Rhode Island hath often claimed our deep Sympathy and a Committee was lately appointed to Confer with our friends from your parts, how we might in some Measure contribute toward their Relief; That Committee we find have wrote you, & Authorized you to Draw for £315 on our friends John Drinker & Joseph Bringhurst being part of the Donation of our Friends in Ireland, which we hope may tend to the help of some; as they have Wrote you particularly, we refer thereto, and desire we may be frequently & fully Informed respecting them & the Circumstancy of Friends in other Parts of your Yearly Meeting, being willing & desirous on all Occations to Manifest our near Sympathy with our suffering Brethren however dispersed & situated. The Journal of our Friend John Churchman being printed, the number you direct will be ready to be forwarded you the first safe Conveyance; Our Committee have advised you in the Letter above Mention'd, the Cost, & proposed that it be deducted out of the sum directed to be sent you, if you thought fit. We Salute you in Gospel Love and are your Friends & Brethren.

Signed in & on behalf of the said Meeting by

John Drinker Clerk

P. S. The Bills drawn on our Friends in Ireland being

Being Sold for More than we expected to have Obtained when our Committee wrote you, you are at Liberty to draw for £10. 6. 8 hard Money More than then Mentioned.

The Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia having propos'd for our Consideration, the Taking Accounts of Sufferings cases in the Currency that passed before the present Troubles, and that the Value of the Articles taken be Ascertained in Moderation, the same hath been considered and is referred to our next Meeting.

Our Friends to the Westward in their Epistle to this Meeting Manifesting a Brotherly Sympathy for Friends in these Parts and being particularly desirous of Information respecting our Brethren of Nantucket & Rhode Island and there being other matters Necessary to lay before them We Appoint our friends Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton & Moses Farnum a Committee to Draft an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia & lay the same before this Meeting at the Adjournment.

Isaac Lawton informing this meeting that Jacob Mott and himself had delivered our friend Thomas Clark of Nantucket £23. 16/ Lawful Money in Gold to be laid out in provisions on the main for the use of Poor Friends of Nantucket this Meeting Approves thereof and Isaac is desired to write to Thomas to Advise with Jonathan Macy & Ethrob Mitchell respecting Appropriating the Money or Provisions or to Deliver it to them as he may think best.

and Isaac Lawton is also desired to Write to Jonathan & Ethro Acquainting them of the Sums this Meeting had Appropriated to be laid out there and that if they found it Necessary and Could raise the Money they make up the Sum to £120 in the Whole to be Applyd before our Meeting in next Month.

This Meeting Adjourns to the fifth Hour this Evening.

Met by Adjournment.

Joshua Sweat Reported he had Received & paid Out £1. 10 of the Donation of Friends of Ireland, to his Satisfaction & the relief of a Poor Family in Dartmouth.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting having Audited the Accounts of their Overseers for the Expence of Poor from Rhode Island and Desired this Meeting to direct the same to be paid, The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to pay to Thomas Gray the Sum of £16 3 5/ Lawful Money

and

And to Sydia Tilling hast, or to the said Amasa in her behalf
Sixty four pounds 10/. being the Amount thereof

The Committee Reported a Draft of an Epistle to the Meeting for
Sufferings at Philadelphia, which being read, Approved, and
Signed by the Clerk is as follows.

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for
New-England the 11th of the 2 Mo. 1780

To the Meeting for Sufferings for Pennsylvania &c.

Dear Friends We received your Acceptable Epistle dated 10. of the
1st Mo. 1779, giving an affecting Account of your Exercises and
close trials, we Sympathise with you in your Conflicts and
Tribulations, yet are Comforted in Understanding by our friend
who attended your Yearly Meeting as well as your Epistle that there
Appears an Increasing concern Among Friends in your parts,
to come up in faithfulness to the principle of Truth, in the various
Branches of our Testimony against divers Evil Practices that in
Time of Late have crept in amongst us as a people, and also that
although in this Time of Tryal Friends may not be all of one Mind
under some Particular Circumstances that Attend them yet you are
in a good Degree preserved from hasty Judging of one another in things
wherein Friends have not as a body come to a Determination.

Your Application to the Assembly for redress of Grievances
you Labour Under we doubt not from the Justice and propriety of
what you require may in time have some Useful Effects.

Our Friends at Nantucket have for some time been shut
off from the Main by the Severity of the Season so that we
have not had any very late Accounts, by the last they were
better supplied with fuel then last year and Provisions were to
be had for Money but the almost total Stagnation of Business
has gradualy reduced many to Poverty, which more and more
appears, Sensible of this we Early directed part of the Donation from
Ireland to be Apply'd there and have at this Meeting Inlarged
that Sum. The Poor of Rhode Island have also been Visited &
Relieved and Some few on the Main, Having Accounts
at this Meeting by our Friends Abraham Griffith and Moses Star-
-num who have lately returned from a Religious Visit to the East-
-ward, that Friends there are generaly well and not in very
Necessitous

Necessitous circumstances, It is Expected the Sum you
Mention wile Mostly be distributed at Nantucket and
Rhode Island where the Whole may be usefully Applyed
Thereby no prospect that any Bills wile now sell
We have to desire you to send the Money in Gold by the first
safe Opportunity after you receive Information from our
Friend Moses Brown who is Appointed to draw for it, if he
hath Opportunity; you wile also please to forward the Books
by the first Conveyance. We have gratefully to Acknow-
ledge the Benevolent, Sympathetick and Charitable Disspo-
-sition of our Friends in Ireland in their free and Liberal
Contribution for the Relief of the Indigent & Distressed Be-
-thren and Sisters in America. As our Corrispond-
-ance hathitherto been to our Comfort and Advantage we
desire the Continuance thereof under the Influance of Heaving
Wisdom. In Much Brotherly Love & Affection we Salute
you and are your Friends & Brethren. Signed in & by
Order of Said Meeting by Moses Brown Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence
the 13th of the 3 Mo. 1780

Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilber
Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Lapham, George Comestock
Joseph Mitchel & David Buffum, Thomas Steere Moses
Brown Thomas Arnold

The Matter of Takeing Accts of Suffering Cases was
again Considerd and there being no friend from Salem nor
Sandwich Quarter Present the same is refered to our Meeting
in next Month

And Thomas Hazard, Thomas
Arnold and Moses Brown are Appointed a Committee to make
a Draft upon the Subject and also to Contain Directions about the
Manner of Lifting the Suffering Cases in Colums and to desire
those Monthly Meetings who are behind in their Subscriptions
for the Poor to send them in, the Money being Wanted for Necessary
Expences, and lay it before our next Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at
East-Greenwich the 12th of the 4th Mo. 1780
Present

Present Thomas Hazard, Joshua Devol, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Samuel Smith, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Wilbor, Jonathan Macy, William Mosher, Joseph Mitchell, Mofs Brown George Comstock, Thomas Steere, Jeremiah Tucker David Buffum Thomas Arnold

William Mosher & Samuel Smith Report that they have Distributed 20 Dollars of Friends Donation in Ireland to Friend in Necessitous Circumstances as per Account on file

The Committee Reported a Draft of an Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings which being read and Amended was Approved & is as follows

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich the 12th of the 4th Mo. 1780

To Our Friends & Brethren of the several Monthly Meetings within the yearly Meeting

Dear Friends With our Salutation of Love Whereby Communicate to you some Regulations which to us appear convenient & Useful in the taking and Transmitting down the Accounts of Sufferings for our Testimony which we Recommend to have done in Colums agreable to the Sample Inclosed, Estimating the Value of the Property Taken in hard Money, This Subject having been Recommended in this Manner to our Consideration by our Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia,

We have Also to Recommend to the Charitable and Brotherly notice of such of you as have not sent up your Subscriptions the Subject of supplying the yearly Meeting Stock Mentioned in a Minute of the 10th Mo last, the Commendable and Ready Complyance of those Meetings which have sent up their Collections not being Sufficient for supplying the Poor and Needy, now at the Expence of the yearly Meeting This being the Necessity at this Time we Conclude your Friends & Brethren Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Mofs Borrodell

And the Clerk is Directed to procure Copys & Send to Each Monthly Meeting as soon as may be

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th day of the 5th Mo. 1780

Present, Thomas Steere, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilbor Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas

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Arnold, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton
Thomas Lapham.

The yearly Meeting being in Course to be held at Newport, and altho this Meeting is sensible that Inconveniences and Difficulties at this Time attend the holding it there yet they do not appear to be such as make it so Necessary to remove it, as to be easy to this Meeting to Intesfere with an Antient and long Satisfactory Conclusion, so long as the same is Practicable, yet to Remedy as far as may be the Difficulty this Meeting Appoints Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott to procure sufficient Accomodaping for Friends that attend it, the Land Society heretofore used for that purpose being common or otherwise not in Circumstance fit for that use, and that the Expence be paid out of the yearly Meetings Treasury as it has ben, when the Meeting hath ben held at Smithfield.

And as Friends in Town and on the Island are much Reduced in Circumstance by the Calamities of War, It is Recommended that Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott provide Lodgings and Entertainment for as many as they may think Needful, and the Expence is hereby Recommended to be Defrayed by the yearly Meeting if they think proper or a Subscription Opened for that Purpose.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 5th day of the Week the yearly Meeting is held, to Meet at Newport the 4th Hour in the Afternoon

At a Meeting for Sufferings held by Adjournment at Newport the 8th of the 6 Mo. 1780 Present

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilbur, Jonathan Dame, Thomas Lapham, Samuel Smith, Joseph Mitchell, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Harris, Moses Brown, Wm Rotch, Jacob Mott, John Bailey, David Buffum, Joshua Folsome, John Wingate, John Robinson, Also Attended at this Time one friend John Lloyd of Pennsylvania.

It appears by a Minute of Kingston Monthly Meeting of the 29th of the 5th Mo. last, that they had Complyed with the Recommendation of this Meeting in the 6th Mo. 1779. and that the Value of John Nichols Goods Distrained was Estimated at £100 which Sum is Directed to be Carryed Out that year Last Accordingly.

Thomas Hazard Reported he had agreeable to Appointment Distributed £20 & to the Poor in South Kingston and Moses Brown that he had

had according to Appointment Distributed £4 to poor at Providence out of the Donations of Friends in Ireland.

Thomas Lapham is Appointed One of the Committee to treat with Isaac Backus in the Room of our friend Hope Farnum Deceased

This Meeting Adjourns to the Conclusion of the yearly Meeting of Business which is to begin here to morrow,

The 12th — At the close of the yearly Meeting concluded to Meet at the 6th hour to morrow Morning.

13th Met by Adjourment Present Jonathan Macy Thomas Hazard, Joshua Deval, Jonathan Dame, Wm Mosher, Thomas Wilber, Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Lapham, Ethrow Mitchell, Jeremiah Tucker, Jacob Mott, David Buffum Elisha Thornton, John Baly, Hope Brown, Samuel Smith Isaac Lawton, George Comestock, John Robinson, John Winslow, Joseph Mitchell and Benjamin Buffington and John Chace who were Appointed at this yearly meeting in the room of Hopes Farnum Dec and Joshua Holsome who was Excused.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the 5th Mo having passed Accounts for the Support of the Poor from Rhode Island to the Amount of £9 1 2 hard Money the same is directed to be paid by the yearly Meetings Treasurer to Amasa Gray and Caleb Greene.

The Treasurer of this Meeting informs that he has rec Money and Subscriptions for John Churchmans Journals from all the Monthly Meetings as follows, from Acoakset Monthly Meeting for 27 Books

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| East Greenwich for | 18 Books, | Smithfield | for | 54 | |
| Falmouth | 25 | Salem | | 42 | |
| Rhode Island | 28 | N. Kingston | | 33 | |
| Swanzy | 19 | Pembrook | | 13 | |
| Dartmouth | 32 | Amsbury | | 37 | |
| Nantucket | 75 | Dover | | 36 | |
| Sandwich | 30 | 227 | | 212 | |
| | | | | 227 | |
| | | | | 469 | |

Whereby it Appearing that there is 119 more Subscribers for than is Expected from Philadelphia, and being desirous of Promoting a Second Edition that Friends and Others in those parts may be generaly Supplyd Hope Brown is Appointed to Write to Philadelphia and Incourage the Reprinting of it and to Engage 350 More beside those Engaged of the first Edition at this Meeting Acco[unt]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the
12th of the 7th Mo. 1780—

Present Thomas Story, Thomas Hazard, Joshua Deval, Jacob M
Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Wilbor, Samuel Sm
Thomas Lapham, David Buffum Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arn
Benjamin Buffington, John Chase, Moses Brown.

Moses Brown reports, he has Wrote to Philadelphia Incouraging
of reprinting of John Churchmans Journal, according to Appoint

The Meeting after Conferring upon other Matters Adjourns
to the 4th Hour this Afternoon—

Met by Adjournment, Joseph Mitchel attended at this time

The Meeting after Conferring Sometime Adjourns to the 8th hour to
morrow morning— The 13th Met by Adjournment, Thos. Arnold present
Joshua Deval Representing to this Meeting, that himself with
Sixteen others, Viz Amaziah Sabor, Jonathan Saber, Jonathan
Delano, John Howland, Joseph Tucker Jun., Elijah Russel, Henry
Smith, Gideon Howland, William Anthony Jun, Thomas Ryder
Benjamin Chase, Ober Davis, Edmund Abner Potter, Stephen [illegible]
and John Towland 2d, all members of our religious Society, Dwelling
in the Town of Dartmouth, in the Government of the Massachusetts
have lately been Called upon as Soldiers, Drafted for the Continen
tal Army, in Consequence as we Suppose of an act of the General
Court, the last month:— This Meeting having made enquiry into
the circumstance, the said friends are now under, and finding
have their Liberty at this time, and, for a few days, by the Lenity of the
Superintendant of the County of Bristol, in order for their having
time to lay their Sufering case before Superior Authority; and the
General Court or Assembly is not now sitting, and the Council
appears to be the present Supreme Authority; this Meeting is de
sirous the Concerns of the case of these Friends should be laid before
them for their assistance, and we are encouraged to hope for and
expect their Interposition herein, as far as their Jurisdiction may ex
and at least till the sitting of the General Court, from the attend

And Justice of that Council, in their Assistance in like cases; Confistant with the disposition of the General Court, Manifested by their Laws, and upon particular applications on Account of Individuals; Wherefore we cannot apprehend or believe that it is the Intention of the Legislative Body at this time to Exercise Coertion upon our Bodies, to Compell us into Actions, which our Religious Principles and Conscience so well known, forbid us to be engaged in; much less that because we do not attend the Service required, we shall, be Subject to the penalty of the Law for desertion. Wherefore Joshua Deval, and Samual Smith, Members of this Meeting ... with such other Friends as are free to accompany them, Are desired by this Meeting, to make Application to the said Council or any other Authority in their behalf, or in the behalf of such others as may be under like Sufferings as way may open and Report to this Meeting when Accomplished, or as occation may require and the Clerk is Directed to give Joshua a copy of this minute and sign the Same in behalf of this Meeting

Adjourned to the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of Busines which is to begin here this day

14th Met according to adjournment

Joshua deval and Samuel Smith Absent on the Busines of their Appointment — Jacob Mott and Elisha Thornton, not present — George Comstock attended at this time. — Three of the Committee to treat with Isaac Backus, Report that they have had a further Opportunity with him, and that he appeared to be disposed to give Friends Satisfaction therein, and some proposals were made and signed to that Purpose in Consequence of which the said Committee hath made out a draught of a memorandom for him to Sign and Publish, which being laid before this Meeting and approved, the Said Committee is still continued and desired to proceed to have the same accomplised, and to report to this Meeting from time to time as Occasion may require, Untill Accomplished

1780

A Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 8th Mo. 1780 — Present Thomas Steere, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilbor, Thos Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, William Mowsher, John Chase, Joseph Mitchel, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, John Baily, Thomas Lapham, Jeremiah Hacker, Josiah Southwick ——. The Friends appointed to solicit the Release of the Friends under sufferings in Dartmouth sent their report, informing of their Application to the Council, and that in Consequence thereof the Friends are dismissed till further Order, the report and the papers referred to, therein to be lodged on file.

Our Friend Elizabeth Mott, having sent to this Meeting an address to the Legislative Body of this Government, and desiring in her Letter of the 11th Inst. the Consideration of this Meeting thereon, how it shall be Conducted — The following answer was concluded on, to be Signed by the Clerk and forwarded to Elizabeth, with the Address after taking a copy to be left on file

Dear Friend

Thine of the 11th Inst. with the Address Inclosed hath been laid before this Meeting, and after waiting for best Council therein, and divers friends expressing their Sense in Brotherly Sympathy with thy Concern, and this Meeting having no Objection to the matter nor form of thy Address leave them at Liberty to Accomplish thy Proposed, by further proceeding as way may Open; Friends have been comforted to feel the care and weighty Exercises in this Matter, and Recommend steady attention to that divine Leader which we trust hath lead the way so far to thy performance, not doubting that he who opens and none can shut, will as thou abides in Faith and Patience

open

Open a door of Communication perhaps as much to thy Satisfac
tion and the furtherance of thy prospect as if we should present it,
which at present Seems best not to as a Meeting; with Desires for
thy preservation in faith and love to our Holy Head Christ Jesus
do we Salute thee and bid the farewell. ——— Signed in and on
behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings by Moses Brown Clerk

The Meeting Adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon. — Met by ad
journment; — Smithfield Monthly Meeting in a Minute in the 7th mo
desiring this Meeting to direct £62 in paper to be paid Lydia Hil
inghast, for Supplys for the poor of Rhode Island before the last
yearly Meeting; the Treasurer is desired to pay the Same to her or
Order. This Meeting is informed that the Friends mentioned
in the 12th M., last, to have reluctantly given bond for their appeara
at Court have been called upon, but nothing appearing against
their being dismissed were discharged by the Court

The Apology for those Friends who Scruple paying Taxes for
War, having been Considered, and divers Considerations having
been laid before this Meting, and nothing having yet been done
with Sot Scots Manuscript; Our Friends Elisha Thornton
Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Hazard, Jeremiah Hacker, Josiah
Southwick, Moses Brown, Daniel Buffum, Thomas Lapham, &
John Baily, with such other Members as are free to attend
are appointed to consider of the Subject, and report
their Sense, whether it be best any thing be at present Published
as an Apology; and if any thing what Sort Piece be approved,
or whether any thing else be prepared: and also to take
into consideration What may be best to transmit to Poste
rity as sufferings for the Testimony of Society, and whether the
tender Scruples of our Brethren who cannot pay Taxes, Such
way be mixed, be so far encouraged and approved as that their
Sufferings be transmitted as their Testimony against war,
tho that of the Society be not yet raised to it, or what Shall be
thought best to be done in that matter, and make report at the
10th mo Next

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Provid
the 11th of the 9th Mo. 1780.—

Present Thomas Steere, Joshua Dewa
Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Thomas
Lapham, Benjamin Buffington, John Chase, Elisha Thomb
Moses Brown, George Comstock, Thomas Arnold.—

Thomas Arnold Reported he had got the Subscriptions for
the School Printed, and that the Cost of the same with the pay
was £1-16-9 hard Money, which from the Yearly Meeting's
Treasurer is directed to pay him.—

The following Letter was con
-cluded on to be sent to be sent to the Several Monthly Meeti
viz— From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence
the 11th of the 9th Mo. 1780— To the Several monthly Meetings

Dear Friends

This Meeting having taken under their Consi
deration the promotion of a School or Schools, Agreeable to the
Recommendation of the last Yearly Meeting, and having agreed
upon a form for a Subscription and got the same printed, we here
with send you ten Copies, and Recommend your Appointing
one or more Suitable Person, who may be engaged to further the
concern and Recommendation of that Meeting in this important
matter, to procure Subscriptions either at the Several Monthly
Preparative Meetings, or by Personal applications as may appear
best; And as the Paper Currency is so uncertain it is proposed, that the
Subscriptions be in hard money; yet as it is a matter of Freedom and
Benevolence Other Subscriptions will be Acceptable.

Our Friends Jacob Mott, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Arnold,
Thomas Lapham, Jeremiah Hacker, Josiah Southwick, and John
Bowly, are Appointed by this Meeting to be Feoffees in trust for the
Yearly Meeting, to receive deeds and Conveyances of any real Estate
for the use of the School or Schools any three of which and their Succes
-sors in the said office are to be named in such Conveyances as from

May be disposed to make; the Subscriptions to the fund is proposed to be paid in Six months after Subscribed, or in Case the Subscribers Incline to have the Same Longer in their own Hands, they pay the Interest from that time. — Those Subscriptions which are for the Immediate Feeding of the School, Friends are desired to forward as soon as Convenient

Signed in behalf and by direction of the Said Meeting by Moses Brown Clerk

and having Conferd on other matters before us the Meeting Concludes. —

## At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 8th of the 10th Mo. 1780

Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Steere, Thomas Wilbor, Samuel Smith, William Howshor, Thomas Aldrich, George Comstock, Thomas Lapham, Elisha Thornton, David Buffum, Joseph Mitchell, John Baily, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Benjamin Buffington, John Chase, Jonathan Macy, Jethro Mitchell,

The Committee appointed to examine the Apology for those who scruple to pay Taxes Mayed for War, having proceeded therein, and made the Manuscript Presented by Job Scott so far agreeable to the minds of this Meeting, that upon it's being read and Considered do agree that the same be sent to our Brethren of the Meeting for Sufferings for Pensylvania and New Jersey, as it does or may respect the Society at large; And altho divers Friends of this Meeting are not convinced it is best for them to unite in the Testimony there in held up, by refuseing to pay such Taxes; Yet Condescention and a Willingness was Manifested by these that their Brethren might Apologize for their Practice, which is not considered by this Meeting as any Breach of our Discipline, or Christian Charity, to improve which and to avoid all Occasion of Uneasyness it is thought best to Signify to that meeting for Sufferings, that Liberty is given to have the Same Printed, provided they have no Objection, and unite in Condescention therein, Concerning which they are Desired to Signify their Sense. And the Clerk is desired to Send the Manuscript with a Copy of this Minute to the Clerk of the Meeting

Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia. Stephen Hoge and his Wife, and Isaac Kelly from Flushing Yearly Meeting, also attended at this time. The Meeting after Conferring on other matters before them Adjourns to the Conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of Business to begin here to Morrow

Thirteenth Day Met by Adjournment

Joshua Deval attended at this time and the Meeting having long sat and Circumstances not appearing best to adjourn, all the Business left unfinished is refered to Next Month when a General attendance of the Members is desired

# At a Meeting for Sufferings

Held at Providence the 13th of the 11th Mo. 1780

Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilbor, [illegible]
Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, William Mowsher, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, Thomas Steere,

The Committee appointed in the 5th Mo. to procure accommodations for Friends at the Yearly Meeting Reported that they had Settled the Accounts and paid the same Amounting to Fifty two Pounds Ten Shillings & two Pence Lawful Money, as by the Account on file; which sum the Yearly Meetings Treasurer, is directed to pay the Treasurer of this Meeting, he having paid the same out of moneys in his hands.

One of the Committee appointed in the eighth Month, Reports as follows Viz. Agreeable to appointment we of the Committee the [illegible] being absent have considered what may be best to Transmit to Posterity as Sufferings for the Testimony of Society, and Report that it appears Consistant with our Antient Testimony to advise the payment of all Taxes Expressly or Specially for the Support of War, whether called for [illegible] in money, Provisions, Cloathing, or Otherwise; and that Sufferings by distraints from those who refuse such Taxes, be Recorded, and that Friends be advised that those who may through unwatchfulness or otherwise pay such Taxes

be liable to be dealt with as Disorderly walkers:- But weare of Opinion that the Collecting and Registering of Sufferings on Account of a Scruple against paying those mixed Taxes, part whereof is applyed to the carrying on of war, and part for the Support of Civil Government, be Postponed at present: Tho we would not be understood to lay Discouragements in the way of any who Conscientiously suffer, from keeping an Account thereof so in some future day when Friends may be more fully United Thereon they may be again Noticed to more General Satisfaction: And here we would Just Recite Some Extracts, more clearly to Shew our Antient Principle Respecting Government:- Edward Burrough who Appears to have as Largely treated of the Matter as any Friend and as Universally Approved, in 1660 in Answer to the Petition of the Magistrates to the King in y^e 744^th page of his Writings, Says It is our principle and hath ever been our practice to be Subject to whatsoever Government is set over us, Either by doing or Suffering; and in 1661 Writing upon Government likewise and Clearly Stateing our principle Says, in page 756. This is our principle and hath ever been our practice, to obey Authority by doing or Suffering, not Disputing whether the Authority in it self be absolutely of God or not, yet being an Authority over us we are to Obey it Either by doing or Suffering because it is an Authority All which have Submit to the Meeting

Thomas Hazard
Elisha Thornton
Moses Brown
Thomas Lapham
David Buffum

Which being considered is approved and directed to be Recorded. Friends in the Several Monthly Meetings are desired to Subscribe for as many of our Friend John Griffiths Journals and Brief remarks, which the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia have recommended to be reprinted, as they incline to have, and Send up the money to the Treasurer of this Meeting as soon may be, at 6 Shillings and 8 pence each Book and the Clerk is directed to Send a Copy of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting

The Treasurer informing this Meeting that the Remainder of Friends of Irelands Donations, is received from Philadelphia, and this Meeting Taking into consideration the Situation of our Friends on Nantucket and Rhode Island, directs Sixty pounds to be Sent to Jonathan Macy and Elihu Mitchel, to be laid out in wood or other Necessaries of Life and distributed to the Necessitous, poor, according to the intention of the donors; and that Jacob Mott and Isaac Lauton Receive the Remainder, being twenty Six pounds thirteen Shillings & three pence, and lay it out Wood for the Supply of the Necessitous poor of Rhode Island, from time to time as Occation may Require.---

It appearing by a Minute of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of the 10th Mo. that £2..18..6 is due to Thomas Arnold for Supplys done of the poor of Newport, in Sickness, before the last Yearly Meeting; the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay the Sum

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the 12th Mo. 1750. — Present Joshua Deval, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lauton, Samuel Smith, Thomas Wilber, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Buffington, David Buffum, Joseph Mitchel, Jonatham Lamb, John Chace, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Steere, Thomas Hazard.—

A few Copies of the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London, from the 15th of the 5th Mo. 1750 to the 20th of the Same Inclusive, having been received from Philadelphia, and on being read up in this Meeting, and Containing Living and weighty advice and Instruction, suitable to the present State of Society in these parts, and highly worthy the Solid attention of each Individual Amongst us. And this Meeting being desirous of furthering the Concern of that Meeting, think it best that the same be Reprinted, and each family of friends Supplyed therewith, and appoint Moses Brown and Thomas Arnold to procure 2000 Copies printed as soon as may be, and Sent to each monthly Meeting, or those Quarterly Meetings that may be held soon, and lay the Account of Expence before the Meeting when Accomplished.

Jacob Hall and Isaac Lawton made Report of their distributing the
forty five pounds Lawful money as first directed, to poor Friends on Rhode Island,
Out of the Charitable Subscription of Friends in Ireland, which is
ordered to be lodged on file. Friends who was desired to prepare a draught
of an Epistle to the meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, produced
an essay, which being read and some additions made thereto, the
same is approved and Signed by the Clerk, who is desired to procure
a fair Copy thereof, and forward it the first opportunity:—
The Same is as follows, from our Meeting for Sufferings held at
Providence for. New England the 11th of the 12th mo. 1780

To the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia

Dear Friends and Brethren We received your Epistle
of 4th of 9th mo. last with the Copy inclosed — The Brotherly care and
Sympathy apparent in each, is cause of Thankfulness and Exhortation to him whose goodness moves upon the hearts of his people
and Children, giving them a Sense of the Sufferings and afflictions
of their fellow Creatures, and animateing them with an ardent
care for the relief of those who as undeservedly they know not — his
reward is with him — — he can and doth Support through trials
by means agreeable to his wisdom. The Books having been forwarded since the date of your Epistle are come safe to hand, as is also the
remainder of the money beside what you mention to be paid. Those
Barons Order; We have recommended Subscriptions for our friend
John Griffiths Journal and brief remarks, but not having any
return we cannot justly ascertain the number that may be wanting, but
we will engage as many as two Hundred, and if more should be wanted
we will endeavour to Cause the earliest notice to be given Our
Committee appointed to procure the piece on Silent Worship reprinted, informs us they have wrote for five hundred, which number
with two Hundred of Stephen Crisps Epistles, please to direct
to be forwarded as soon as may be; We have received by one of your
members Some Copies of the last London General Epistle, which we have
thought proper to direct Reprinted for the use of this Families of
Friends in this yearly Meeting. We have appropriated the remainder of

Remainder of Friends of Rhodeland Donation, not before distributed
to the relief of the Necessitous of poor Friends, on Rhode Island and
Nantucket, where we are informed there are increasing numbers;
and at Nantucket especially as the prospect now appears, Friends
will be much Reduced in their Substance, and will be brought
not to continue that care and assistance as monthly Meeting or
Individually, which we have cause to think they have here before been
opened and enabled to do, without receiving help from Superior
Meetings.- We do not send as heretofore, a particular account of the
Distribution, not knowing your desire herein; but if hereafter it
be required or thought best, we hope to be able and ready to do it.

Friends in these parts are as far as we know pretty Generally
free from Sufferings, Except in the case of Distraints for Taxes &c.
and in these Instances some of the Officers Manifest a degree
of tenderness: Perhaps a time of more ease with us may be the Occa-
tion you appear to be more favoured with the better Inheritance
tho you may be suffered to be stripped of earthly riches, we
must confess Poverty to be our lot, yet we hope as we become Poor
men to the world, and are poor in spirit, we may be favoured to be rich
in faith and therein become Heirs of the Kingdom. In that
degree of Love which at present vouchsafed, we Conclude your
Friends and Brethren

Signed in and by order of the
Said Meeting by Moses Brown
Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at
Providence the 10th of the 1st Mo. 1751 Present Thomas Arnold,
Thomas Aldrich, William Manton, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Nicholson,
Samuel Smith, Benjamin Buffington, Elisha Thornton,
John Baily, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, Joshua Doval,
Jacob Mott, John Chase. — Moses Brown reports that he has
forwarded a Copy of our last Meeting's Epistle to the Meeting
for Sufferings at Philadelphia, agreeable to request, also a Copy
of the Apology upon the Subject of paying Taxes. — Three of the
Committee appointed to treat with Isaac Backus concerning

his History, Report, That they with several other Friends have had another Opportunity with him and some of his Friends, and have mutually agreed upon a Correction thereby, which being read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, is directed to be preserved on file and Recorded as follows

Having had Several interviews with divers of the People called Quakers on the Subject of my History, & finding I have not clearly exprest their Sentiments & Practices; and some facts appearing to me different from what they did when I wrote; I am desirous with them, to have the History Corrected, & matters put in such a light that Posterity may not misapprehend them; Let the Reader therefore receive the following correction as what appears to me most Consistant with the truth, and in Justice to that People ought to be Transmitted to Posterity;

In page 141 the following Extract from John Fox's Letter
" there was nothing IN him " (i.e. Dr. Increase Mather, as he said)
" that he hoped to be saved by" having been made by me to manifest an error in Friends respecting Christ within: I would observe that I do not look upon it as an Error, provided Christ without be also acknowledg'd, and it beheld ~~as to be held~~ Agreeable to the true Sense of John 6. 56 — 17. 26 — 1st John 5. 24. in which Sense I am informed it is held by Friends.

In page 143 4 I have quoted some of Roger Williams's arguments against Friends Sentiments of the Grace of God having appeared, or manifested to all mankind Universally; for their Answer to which arguments I would refer to Fox's &c. Answer Page 17 — 20. 2nd part

In page 307 I mentioned that Quakers were so called from Fox's & his Companions quaking & trembling before Gervase Bennet a Justice in Derby; I ment not to insinuate that their trembling on that Occasion, or others, was Occasioned by the fear of man; Neither do I, on a review of proofs find Sufficient grounds to reject Fox's account of their receiving said Name, which follows in the same page; though it is allow'd by Barclay, as well as Mosheim that their quaking & trembling in other places, occasion'd their being commonly called by that Name.

In page 321 I undertake to inform Posterity

how these Quakers behaved under their sufferings, upon a review of which it
appears just to add that I find, & that by the part of Cudworths unconfuted Letter
not ansted by me; That he was turned out of office as he expressly says
"Because I had entertained some of the Quakers at my House, that thereby
"I might be the better acquainted with their Principles" —— the Court
"professing they had nothing at all against me only in that thing of giving
"entertainment, to the Quakers" and he informs us that "when the Quakers
were committed to Prison they must be kept on course Bread & Water, no friend
may bring them any thing, none permitted to speak with them, Nay, if they
have money of their own, they may not make use of that to relieve themselves
"They have many adherents, & a little to acquaint you with their sufferings
"which is grievous unto, and saddens the hearts of most of the precious
"Saints of God, it lies down and rises up with them, and they cannot
put it out of their minds, to see and hear of Poor Families deprived of
their Comforts and brought into penury and want; As far as I am able
to judge of the end, it is to force them from their Homes & Lawful Habitations
and to drive them out of their Coasts, As for the means by which they are
Impoverished, those in the first place were Scrupulous of an Oath" this
does not appear to be confin'd to Allegiance or fidelity to Government
but Oaths at Large, which Principle I understand they maintain
from Our Saviours Command. Mathew 5. 34 "I say unto you swear not
at all &c) why then we must put in force an Old Law that all must
take the Oath of fidelity — they cannot — them a fine of five pounds
on this account thirty five Head of Cattle as I am Credibly in-
formed hath been by the Authority of the Court taken from them
the latter part of this Summer. A poor Weaver that hath four
small Children, himself came in his Body, had but two Cows, and
both taken from him: the Marshall asked him what he would do;
the man said, That God that gave him them, he doubted not would
All provide for him. To fill up the Measure yet more full, tho to the
further entring of Sandwichmen, the Court of Assistants the first
Tuesday of this Instant was pleased to determine fines upon the
for Meetings £ 150 and among others the poor Weaver spoken of £20 &c "

And after his Mentioning their not suffering their Friends & Neighbours to come & trade with them, proceeds "So that unless the Lord steps in to their help and Assistance, in some way beyond mans conceiving their case is sad & to be pitied, and truly it moves Bowels of Compassion in all sorts except those in place who carry it with a high hand towards them.

Our Bench, now is Thomas Prince Governer" &c. See the Letter in Bishops History, from page 168 to 171 or more at Large in the Second Volume fol. of the Book of Suffering of the Quakers, from page 191 to 195. which I did not see till Since the Publication of my History. From the foregoing account, and what Bishop charges upon Gov^r. Prince "That in thy Conscience, they were such a People that deserve to be destroyed, they their wives their Children, their Houses, and Lands without pity or mercy," which Sentiments of his against the Quaker, I am told is remembred in the family, being handed down to those of his Posterity now Living. It must therefore be acknowledged he must have had too great a Share in the Persecutions mentioned, and as the persecuted Norton said, the Strength of Darkness must then have been too unhappily over him. And in Justice to Humphry Nortons Character, which is understood to be lessened by my manner of Inserting his Letter & treating this Subject in the 322^nd page of my History). I think further to manifest his & John Rouses behaviour under their Sufferings by inserting a Paragraph in Bishops History page 179 which would render my account more intelligable & full; Speaking of the number of Lashes which I mentioned, he adds "which as it drew Store of Blood so it took much with the Spectators, who beheld them in the Stocks first praying, then Saluting each other, & bidding the Executioner have patience a little when he came to take of their Cloaths, & he should see they could give their Backs to the Smiter and Bishop adds that they gave in a paper assigning the Grounds & reason of their returning, when they were demanded wherefore they came in which the Magistrates would not to be owned and so envious were they, that forbaking John Rouse by the hand they put three of the Inhabitants of Hardwich in the Stocks, and it appearing by the said Bishops History, & the Book of Friends Sufferings that other whippings & persecutions followed in Aymouth Colony, and that the said Humphry Norton under whippings and other Executions at New Haven, appears to have behaved in a Christian Temper when being

"Loosed from the Rocks after being whipped, having had a great Iron
"Key tyed athwart his mouth, & burned deep in the hand with a red hot
"Iron; "He kneeled down & prayed to the Lord; uttering his voice towards
"Heaven, to the astonishment of them all" The Reader is refer'd thereto
for a more particular account. ~ →

323 In page 323 I interpreted the figurative expression of rending the rocks of wisdom, & knowledge, & exalting that which is Law as directed against Civil & Ecclesiastical Government, which I supposed they meant to subject to a supposed spiritual power in Christians, without Outward Laws and Rules; but on further enquiry, & conversation with Friends, I am convinced they thereby refer'd to the coming of the Lord, by his spiritual work to level the wise & Great, compar'd to Mountains; & the literal knowledge, & mere scholastick learning, compar'd to Rocks, as being hard to penetrate & break; for that which is meek, & Low to be exalted, even Christ within the Hope of Glory. in which Sense I perceive that Passage is now understood by Friends.

In the same page, I observed on some preceding extracts from Fox & Williams writings" "to open the plain cause why they (Quakers) militated so hard against other Magistrates & Government" And in the form of an Allegory in page 60 it is said "to whom there made fierce opposition, possessedly, from the light within, & their clashings were so great, that Several lives were lost in the fray".

The terms Militate; fierce Opposition; & Clashing to the loss of lives, used to represent the conduct of Friends in those days, in respect to civil Government, are too harsh to be justified by Authenticated facts.

I conceive it to be essential to civil Government that the Magistrate have Power to inflict Corporeal punishments & also to arm his subjects to war against invaders of their rights, And therefore, that the teaching of a Contrary Doctrine in either of these points, so far as it has influence tends to, Obstruct, or to pull down Government; and in no other Sense did I ever mean to charge the Quakers with Militating against, or Obstructing Government. I find they allow Magestrates to inflict Corporal Punishment upon their Subjects, who Transgress the Rules of Equity* but do not approve of arming their Subjects to war against others

* See Epistle to Friends at Nevis in 1675 also Isaac Penningtons vol. 1st part pag 328

And in all States where they have been, I know nothing but that as a Society, they have been either actively obedient thereto, or have passively suffered what they were pleased to inflict upon them, without plotting against the Government thereof, or using any forcible resistance against it.

And I desire the Reader to Remember that I mean to correct every thing in my History that seemingly or really contradicts these Leaves, and this Character of that Society.

324 In page 324 I speak of our Lords direction to his disciples. Mat. 10. 23 and of his own conduct towards the Gadarenes. Matt. 8. 34 as forming a general Rule for us: thence charging some blame upon those Quakers who return into the Massachusets; whereas they now both appear to me to refer to special & peculiar cases — As to the Writings referred to at the top of Page 6 I rather think my Memory failed me in that respect & so did not have sight from Scripture for actions in the same Page. And that they suppose that Isaih 20, 2 &. Micah 1, 8 prove that the Women there mentioned might be moved by the Divine Spirit to do those Actions of which the Reader is left to Judge for himself.

228 462 Upon review of Page 228 & 462 compared with their own writings, I find that I had some mistaken Ideas of what they held concerning the light within; & therefore freely refer the Reader to their own Authors for information in that Respect.

62 And I did not mean in P. 162 to charge them with calling Darkness Light any further than wherein they appeared to be against allowing others the free Liberty of examining, and by Arguments opposing sentiments which they judged to be erroneous, which, whether they were agains or not, I freely Submit to the Readers Judgment

2, 457 William Harris is referred to at the Bottom of Page 152 & in P. 457 is named as a Quaker, I am now convinced that he was not one then if he ever was; & once in P. 172 in a way that seems to acquit Mr. Williams from any Blame in his dispute with the Quakers, was more than I intended, for I really think there was a great deal of Imperfection discovered by him, as well as his opponents in the management of that Dispute; and if he meant to punish any merely for their plainness of Speech (which I think he did not) I do not concur with any such thing

9, 472 And the word only as I twice used in Page 469.

468 In Page 468 I have not so fully Quoted Friends Answers to Roger Will
objections as might be Necessary to give an adequate View of both Sides of
the Dispute, therefore refer my reader to their Writings on that Subject particu
larly George Foy's Answer P 155 & Appendix 117, 118.

470 Page 470 line 32 after the word Sentence insert, Viz Blood will be given
which words are particularly marked by Grove.

As by the Grapes of Sodom
460 & Clusters of Gomorrha in P 460 some might suppose I meant to charg
the Vicegupon
the Quakers that are Couched under those Expressions, I here declare
that I meant no such thing.

Perhaps the Partiality in favour of Mr
Collon, which I Mention in Page 471
471 was owing to Mr Coddingtons particular affection for
him, rather than to the cause there assign'd

Providence Dec. 15. 1780 Isaac Backus

The foregoing Correction being made, I engage to Publish the
same in the second part of my History of the Baptists & Govern
as a Correction of the first, and in Case of Accident by Death, or
otherwise, I should not seasonably publish a second Volume
& Friends incline to Publish the same, they are at Liberty
to do it, being mutually agreed on to the Satisfaction of them
and myself

Isaac Backus
Thomas Hazard
Moses Brown
Job Scott
Thomas Arnold.
} of the Committee of Friends

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Rhoades
the 12th of 2nd Mo. 1781 Present Thomas Hazzard, Joshua Deval
Isaac Hall, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton Thomas Lapham, Moses
Brown Elisha Thornton, John Chace George Comstock Thomas Mad
Thomas Meere. This Meeting having had under their consid
ration the procuring a Number of Bibles from abroad to supply
Friends that stand in Need of them, but not being sufficiently
informed of the Number and sorts that are wanting; Recommend
to each Monthly Meeting to enter into an enquiry amongst their Mem
Members, who are destitute or may want more than they have, and
transmit an Account as soon as may be to this Meeting of the Num-
ber, Size & sorts, that are wanting that we may Imbrace the earliest
opportunity to assist in supplying the demand by an Importation
from such place and on such terms as may appear best, and we are
desirous that early and Brotherly attention be paid to this Necessary
concern, and recommend that if any Friends thro' Poverty are una-
ble to supply themselves, that each Monthly Meeting be engaged
to supply them, that they may have the benefit of the divinely inspired
Writings as well as those in affluence amongst us.

And the Clerk is desired to send a copy of this Minute to each Mo
ly Meeting as soon as may be.

The Committee appointed to procure the London Epistle reprinted
Report that they are done, and Ready to be delivered, The amount
thereof being £11.17 Lawful Money, the Yearly Meetings Treasurer
is directed to pay to Thomas Arnold to defray the Expence thereof

Moses Brown as Treasurer of this Meeting presented his account
which being read & approved is directed to be Recorded as Follows

1780 Dr. Meeting for Sufferings in Acct Curt of the Dona-
tion of Friends in Ireland with Moses Brown Cr

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| To Cash paid Joshua Deval | £ | 4.. 10 |
| To — pd — Thomas Hazzard | | 2.. 8 |
| To Distributed to Elizabeth & Philadelphia Sims | | 1.. 4 |
| To Dr. Isaac Lawton which he Sent to Nantucket | | 23.. 16 |
| To pd Wm. Mowsher & Saml. Smith For what they Distributed | | 6 — |

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| To paid Jonathan Macy | £ 15. 0 — |
| To Distributed to Widow Bagnal | 2. 16 |
| To Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott | 15. 0 |
| To Ditto 1/3 Guineas | 23. 13 |
| To Jn.° Jon.ª Macy & Jethro Mitchel Rem.ª of 180£ Directed to be remitted to them | 156. 4 |
| | 262. 16 |
| To Cash Sent Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott in full | 2. 15. 3 |
| | £ 265. 11. 3 |

By My Draft & money rec.d from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia for a Draft for 200 £ Sterling they drew on Friends of Ireland which Sold in Philadelphia for — — — — £ 333. 6. 8 Curr.y

is Lawful Money £ 266. 13. 4

Deducted 106 p.r Ct. of Short W.t on Gold Rec.d — — 1. 2. 1

Remains Nett Sum rec.d £ 265. 11. 3

Providence 24th 11th Mo. 1780

Errors Excepted p — Moses Brown

# At a Meeting for Sufferings Held at Providence the 12th of the 3d Mo. 1781

Present Thomas Teore, Thomas Hazzard, Thomas Aldrich, Samuel Smith, Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Arnold, George Comstock, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton & Moses Brown

Happearing by a Minute of Smithfield Monthly Meeting in y.e 11th Mo. that Jonaa Gray paid £ 2. 5 for aquar.tus House rent for poor from Rhode Island from the 22nd of the 5th Mo. to the 22d of the 5th Mo. 1780 the Yearly Meeting Treasurer is directed to pay the same to Jonaa Gray —

# At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 11th of the 4th Mo. 1781

Present Thomas Arnold, Samuel Smith Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Wm. Mowher, Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Wilbor, Jethro Mitchel, Thomas Lapham, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold, John Chace, Moses Brown, George Comstock, Jona.n Buffington, Cur.t Friends. David Brooks & Seth Coffin from North Carolina and John Forman & Thomas Scattergood from Pensylvania also attended this Meeting. — This Meeting having Directed Only 200 of John Griffiths Journals &c. Brief remarks to be sent for the use of Friends within this Yearly Meeting, and it appearing that Number will not be near enough, it is concluded that Moses Brown Write to the Printer in Philadelphea to Send Six Hundred Volumes

There being no account of Sufferings sent up from the Several Monthly Meetings this year, and this Meeting feeling a concern to engage the attention of their Brethren to collect and send up their Accts of Sufferings for our Christian Testimony, Our Friends Joseph Mitchel Isaac Lawton, Thomas Hazzard & David Buffum, with such other Friends as have freedom to attend, are appointed to consider of that Matter & make a draft for that purpose if way open & lay before this Meeting at the adjournment.

The Meeting adjourns to the 8th hour in the Morning of the day after to Morrow

## Met by adjournment

The Committee appointed reported a draft to be Inserted as a Minute of this Meeting which being approved is as follows

It being the concern of this Meeting to recommend to the Several Monthly Meetings that they Consistant with our Ancient Testimony refuse the Payment of all taxes expressly or Specially for the support of war whether called for in money, Provisions, Cloathing or otherwise, and that accounts of distraints for such Taxes be sent up to this Meeting before our Next yearly Meeting, and that such Friends who do actively pay such Taxes be dealt with as disorderly Walkers, we also advise that all Friends carefully avoid Discouraging a tender Scruple which may arise in the minds of our Brethren respecting the payment of such Taxes a part whereof is Evidently for the support of war, and that all be careful to manifest by a steady conformity Conduct that they sincerly aim to Experience an advancement in the truth. Samuel Smith, Thomas Arnold & George Comstock are desired to make out Copies for each Monthly Meeting which the Clerk is to sign and forward as soon as may be.

This Meeting taking into consideration the state of Friends and the Conveniences for Holding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th Mo. next it is concluded to hold the same for Business at Smithfield upper House beginning at the 11th hour on 6th Day, and for Worship at Uxbridge & the Lower as well as well as the upper Meeting House in Smithfield at the eleventh hour on 5th & 1st days and George Comstock David Buffum & Thomas Arnold are appointed to make provision for Holding them

## At a Meeting for Suffering Held at Providence the 16th of 5th Mo. 1781

Present Thomas Hazzard, Jacob Mott Joseph Mitchel David Buffum John Chace, Thomas Arnold, Elisha Thornton Moses Brown Thomas Aldrich,

This Meeting adjourns to the third Hour this Afternoon

Met by Adjournment

Thomas Lapham & George Comstock attended at this time, as also our Friends John Norman James Thornton & Samuel Smith of Pennsylvania & Benedict Carpenter of Newyork Government.

Moses Brown acquaints this Meeting that he has Receiv'd 500 of Stephen Crisps Epistles and the like Number of Mary Brooks pamphlets on Silent Waiting, Thomas Arnold & he is desired to proportion the same as the last Generally Epistles was to the Several Monthly Meetings, and send to some member in each, with an account of the price for each Book and desire them to lay the Matter before the Monthly Meeting that the money may be Collected & Sent up to the Treasurer of this Meeting as soon as may be, and if any Meeting has more than they are easy to keep they have liberty to return the Same

Moses Brown Informs this Meeting that he has agreed to appointment, Wrote to Joseph Crukshank printer in Philadelphia to send 600 Volumes of John Griffiths Journals & Brief remarks for the use of this Yearly Meeting.

East Greenwich Monthly Meeting held the 7th Inst Sent to this Meeting an Acct. of Sufferings for our Christian Testimony against War, which being Read & approv'd is Directed to be Recorded & Lodged on file. The Meeting adjourns to the 8th Hour to morrow morning

Met by Adjournment

An Epistle from our Brethren at their Meeting for Sufferings Held at Philadelphia in the 4th Mo. last has been twice read in this Meeting, the Brotherly Sympathy and care manifested therein affords Satisfaction & Comfort the same is directed to be Recorded & is as follows

To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England

Dear Friends

In acknowledging the Receipt of your Epistle of the 11th & the 12th Inst. we may also with you, acknowledge the continued Cause of thankfulness & humble adoration to God, in that through the Gracious shedding abroad of his Love in the Hearts of his Believing People, they are preserved alive to a feeling of the Sufferings & Afflictions of their fellow Men; and who having true Love to the Brethren, do know a being

Measurably passed from Death to Life, comfortably experiencing that his
reward is with him, to the Strengthning of their Faith, the means appointed
in his wisdom for their support through Trials. — May we believe Christ
through the means ——— thus afforded, be supported in this day of
Probation, and so press under it as to witness Redemption from the Love
of the Love of this World & its polluted Temporary ease & false security
that knowing the Love of the Father to dwell richly in us, we may be
led on from Victory to Victory by the captain of our Salvation, who
overcame evil with Good and was made perfect through Sufferings.
Then shall we, indeed be Epistles written in one another's Hearts read to
to each other in the unity of the spirit which is the bond of peace; and ena-
bled individually to say with David, in our secret approaches to the
throne of Grace, I am a Companion of all them that fear thee, and
of them that keep thy precepts.

The Sufferings of Friends in these parts
continue on account of our peaceable testimony, great distresses of
Goods being made in many places, & some of our Brethren continue
in Prison whose sufferings have our affectionate attention & sympathy
We mean to be mindful of Your request respecting the Books you
Mention. And in consequence of your information of the Necessi-
-ty of poor Friends on Rhode Island & Nantucket we have directed a fur-
-ther draft on Ireland, and appointed a Committee to apply the mo-
-ney, who inform us they have forwarded a Letter to some of your num-
-bers to obtain information of the sense of Friends with you, in what
manner the part we have directed for the relief of Sufferers on Nantucket
-et &c may be applied, so as to afford the most timely aid, to which no
Answer has been yet receiv'd — We have reason to apprehend that our
Brethren in the Southern parts of the Continent are likely to be exposed
to great Hardships & difficulties, which may claim the Brotherly attention
of this Meeting in the future application of a part of the Benevolent
Contribution of our Friends in Ireland; it will Nevertheless be acceptable
& right to be informed by you, as occasions occur, of the State of the
Necessitous & Distressed within the care of your Meeting. We think it
right for Friends who have under their care the distribution of
this kind, timely, to be provided to give a particular Account thereof,
if it should hereafter appear Necessary. —

The manuscript Essay received with your last Epistle, after having been read in the Meeting, was referr'd to the Inspection of a large committee, and having been weightily under their deliberate consideration, their Report with our Minute thereon we hereto Annex, in answer to the request contained in your Minute of 11: 10th Mo. last

Whatever trials Individuals may be called to through a faithful adherence to the divine teacher within, who may sometimes lead us in a way that we know not, let a Godly Jealousy over our own spirits be lived in, that through our humble walking in meekness & fear no variation of Respect may be suffered to interrupt the continuance of brotherly Love, a confirming evidence of our safe standing in the Love of our Heavenly Father according to the Testimony of the Holy Apostle "He that Loveth his Brother abideth in the light and there is none Occasion of Stumbling in him"

We Salute you affectionately & are your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania & New Jersey the 19th of the 1st Mo. 1781

John Drinker Clerk

And Our Friends Thomas Lapham, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold, Joseph Mitchel, are appointed a committee to take the same into consideration and make an essay for an Answer thereto and present to our Next Meeting, and as a more Satisfactory account of the Necessities of the poor on Rhode Island is needed to Qualify this Meeting to act with propriety for their relief, Our Friends Joseph Mitchel, Jacob Mott, & Thomas Hazard are appointed to make the Necessary Inspection into their circumstances, and also those who have removed from thence, and report to our Next Meeting

The Extract of the Minute of the Meeting for Sufferings mentioned in the foregoing Epistle being read in this Meeting, and their Conclusion being to our Satisfaction, the Same is directed to be Recorded and is as Follows,

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia the 15th day of the 3d Mo. 1781

A Letter from Friends to whom was recommitted the Manuscript received from New England made the following report Viz

"The Committee to whom the Essay received from the Meeting for Sufferings in New England was recommitted, having heard and given due
" deliberate Attention to its contents, do unite in reporting to the
" Meeting, that the work contains weighty and instructive matter,
" and the spirit and temper evidenced by the writer hath excited our Sympathy
and tenderness towards him; but that, if Published, it would be
Necessary to Abridge it considerably, if not to make some addition;
and Considering how far such Alterations might make it liable
to be understood as the Act of the Representatives of the Society in gene-
ral, and how far such Publication is at present fitted to the State of
our Religious Society, we think it would be safest at this time not to
encourage its being Published which is submitted to the Meeting, as is
Also the expediency of its being again read in the Meeting"

Which being read & Considered is approved, and directed to
be annexed to the Epistle next sent from this to the Meeting for Sufferings
in New England"

Copied from the Minutes by John Drinker Clk

Whereupon the Disposal of the Manuscript coming under our consideration,
we conclude it will be safe and may be best to so far Manifest the concern of
Friends on this Weighty Subject & Posterity, as to have the Manuscript
Lodged on file amongst the papers belonging to this Meeting, therefore
the Clerk ~~here~~ ~~for the Clerk~~ is directed to retain it, the Writer and such of
the concern'd as are present having Manifested there Concurrence there-
with This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the fourth day of the week, the
Yearly Meeting begins at the Lower Meeting House in Smithfield.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smith-
field the 6th of the 6th Mo. 1781

Present Thomas Harris, Jonathan Macy, Jethro Mitchel,
Thomas Wilbor, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell,
Jonathan Dane, Elisha Thornton, David Buffum, Thomas
Arnold, William Mowsher, Samuel Smith, Josiah Southwick,
Thomas Lapham, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Hacker, John Wanton

Our Friends John Jorman James Thornton & Samuel Smith from Pennsylvania, & Benedict Carpenter from New York Government also attends at this time, The Committee to prepare an essay of an Epis-tle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, not having accomplished it, and the Meeting ~~and the Meeting~~ having been sometime in conference upon the Business before it, concludes to adjourn to the third Hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment

This Meeting having Collected accts of 5 ℔ Bibles being wanting in eight Monthly Meetings, it is thought best to acquaint the Yearly Meeting thereof, for their advice & assistance in procuring of them, and such others, as may be wanting by other Meetings who have not yet sent up their accounts.

This Meeting having rece.d accts of Suffferings from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting & an additional one from East Greenwich, the same is approved & directed to be Recorded.

An account from Accoaxet Monthly Meeting being also rec.d wherein money being mentioned to be taken without Expressing the manner how or the Clearness of the Friends and this Meeting being concern.d that truths testimony be preserved free from all occasion for Suspicion, of unfaithfulness, have Satisfactorily Enquired into the matter whereupon the Account is approved & directed to be Recorded, . See the End of this Book pg

The Committee to make an essay of an Epistle to the Meeting ~~to the Meeting~~ for Sufferings at Philadelphia presented a draft the same hath been read, which with some additions is approved of, and directed to be Signed by the Clerk, who is to Transcribe and forward the same as soon as may be, and is as follows.

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield for New England the 6th of the 6th mo. 1781

To the Meeting for Sufferings . . held at Philadelphia for Pennsylvania and New Jersey Dear Friends

We Received your Epistle of the 19th of the 4th M.o by the Hands of our Beloved

Friends James Thornton & Samuel Smith, which together with their
Company, was very acceptable to us, as we have therein afforded us
a Renewed confirmation of your Sympathy with, and Care for, the
preservation & prosperity of the Churches, in which we are desirous
to unite our Endeavours. We feel for those who have lett it is or may be to
suffer distress of Goods & Imprisonment of Body for the testimony
of truth - in your Country, once so peaceful, & free from any restraint
on a Religious account; — may their faithfulness be a means
of Restoration of that great Blessing.
Our Testimony against the payment of Taxes, a War increasing,
the sufferings of Friends here by distraint of Goods for warlike
purposes hath also increased, tho in but few Instances, if any, so
but that the Necessaries of Life remain.
We Lament the desolation
of war, which already have taken place & seems still likely to contin
among our fellow men, (tho the Visitations of divine love seems to
be graciously extended to draw into the peaceable dispensation)
upon the various parts of this Continent; in the Calamities whereof
we doubt not many Friends must yet be sharers - may we be preser
ved universally from having any Hand in this work. - - - your
particular attention to our Sufferings now become small (as
we apprehend) Compar'd with those of our Brethren to the Southward
Demands our Grateful return of thanks to the great author of every
Good thought & work. - In compliance with your Request we
think best to inform that upon enquiry there are a Number of families
Belonging to Rhode Island amounting to about 50, now so
reduced by the present Calamities, as to Need assistance; most of
whom perhaps are proper Objects of our Friends Charitable intentions,
and have been more or Less Sharers therein, among whom the
further sum of £5 - half y'. Mentioned by your Committee might be
satisfactorily expended.
Appearing to this Meeting that the
Friends to whom your Committee's Letter was directed had taken the
Necessary care and transmitted to them the Needfull information
respecting the donation to Friends of Nantucket now need not add upon
this

that Subject. Your attention & care in respect to the Manuscript
transmitted by us, and the manner you have disposed thereof is to our
Satisfaction. In Brotherly Love and Sympathy we conclude your
Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield for New England the 6th day of the 6th Mo. 1781. Moses Brown Clk.

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See the latter End of the Book page 27. 28 for the Acct proposd to be Inthere
A further Account of the Sufferings of Friends belonging to Green wich Monthly Meeting on account of Military Requisitions and Rates or Taxes, Specially for the support of War. Value set in Lawfull Money.

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This Meeting Notwithstanding their Care Manifested in their Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings in the 9th Mo last on the Subject of the Yearly Meetings School, not having received either Money or Subscriptions from any of them, although some have informed us of their appointing Committees for the Service and by verbal Information we understand a few Meetings have made Subscriptions, Therefore being desirous of promoting so useful a concern as that manifested by the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to lay our proceedings on this Subject before them with this Minute for their information, and the furtherance of their concern ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich 4th 11 of
4e 7th mo 1781 — present —

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Thomas
Wilbur, Joseph Mitchel, John Chace, Elisha Thornton, Jacob Mo
Isaac Lawton, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, George Co
Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, & Jeremiah Austin who was
the last Yearly Meeting in the place of Thomas Steere Decas
Benedict Carpenter & Thomas Comstock from Newyork Gov
George Churchman from Maryland & Warner Mifflin from
the Lower Counties on Delaware also attended this Meeting

This Meeting having been advised by the Yearly Meeting
to confer with the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia,
concerning Procuring the Bibles wanted by the Friends of
this Yearly Meeting, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Arnold & Thomas
Hazard are appointed to make a draft of a Letter to that Meeting
on the subject & report to the Adjournment —

This Meeting being Inform
that Job Thurston a Member of our Society is, or was
the last acct a Prisoner in Newport Goal for declining to pa
a Tax or Taxes towards the support of War, and it appearing to
those who gives this information that his Commitment is in Consq
of a Religious or Conscientious Scruple, our Friends Joseph Mitche
Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott Thomas Hazard & Thomas Aldrich a
appointed a Committee to visit him, enquire into the Circumsta
and afford him such assistance in the Wisdom of Truth, as they
may be favoured with, and make report to our next Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon —

Met by Adjournment

The Committee to prepare a Draft of a Letter to the Meeting for
Sufferings at Philadelphia produced one, which being read was
with some alterations agreed to and signd by the Clerk & is as follow

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich
for New England 4e 7th of 7th mo 1781 — To the Meeting fo
Sufferings held at Philadelphia for Pensylvania & New Jersey

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Dear Friends.

This Meeting, in consequence of an Enquiry directed to be made having receiv'd Acc.ts from divers Monthly Meetings within this Yearly Meeting, that a number of Bibles was wanting among Friends, to the amount of about 640 of various sorts & Sizes and it being probable that a considerable larger number would be wanting as several Monthly Meetings had not sent up their Subscriptions - the matter was laid before our last Yearly Meeting by whom this Meeting was advised to Correspond with you, in order that the best method might be pursued to procure a supply since which we have receiv'd, the Inclosed Acc.t of the number, Size & prices of those which might be Obtained in New York - which appearing so inadequate to the number wanted with us, & some Friends from your parts thinking it Probable that some are wanting there also We take this Opportunity to desire your consideration and advice what may be best to do in the Case, the Situation of many new Established Families, & the Young and rising Generation among us, saying it to be a pressing & important concern —

The several Particular matters mentioned in your last Epistle are Noticed in ours of last month to which we refer — —

With desires for the advancement of the cause of Truth, and the more universal Establishment of the Kingdom of the Prince of Peace we conclude & remain your Friends & Brethren — —

Sign.d by order & on behalf of said Meet.g by

Moses Brown Clk

This Meeting being inform.d that our Meeting House at Newport is yet in part Occupied by the French Army, tho' the Monthly Meet.g of Rhode Island by their Committee had used endeavours to have it cleared. - The matter being considered & it appearing to be Incumbent on us to hold up our Christian Testimony by Remonstrating against our Houses of Worship being used for the purposes of War, and the Yearly, Quarterly, & Rhode Island Monthly Meetings being much Incommoded and injured thereby, our Friends David Bissum, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchel, Thomas Hazard and Thomas Aldrich are appointed a Committee to Weightily attend

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to our Testimony herein & move for its support by making applicatio
to the Commander in chief of the French Army: or to the
Govornor, Council, or House of Assembly if occasion Require
as Truth may open the way.

The Manuscript Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Lon
to our last Yearly Meeting being bro.t to this Meeting & read
to Satisfaction our Friends Thomas Lapham Elisha Thornton
and Thomas Arnold are appointed to make out Transcip
for each Quarterly Meeting which Thomas Lapham as Clk
of the Yearly Meeting is desired to forward. ———

The Meeting adjourns to the 6th day after last 5th day in the
8th mo- at Smithfield upper Meeting house at the 9th hour—

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield 4 31st of 4 8th mo
1781- Present, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Daniel Cays, Isa
Lawton, Joseph Mitchel, David Bussum, Elisha Thornton, George
Comstock, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Arnold, & Moses Brown

One of the Committee to enquire into the Circumstancey
of Job Thurstons Imprisonment &c, Report that his Case has
been laid before the Govournor & Council, who advised one of th
Representatives of the Town of Portsmouth where Job Dwelt to
Lay the matter before that Town, which was done but the
Town-Meeting being adjourned and nothing conclusive acted
in the matter the Committee are Continued to use their endea
-vours for his release as truth may open the Way and ma
report to our next Meeting ———

The Committee appointed to hold up our Testimony against our Meet
Houses being used for the purposes of War and to make applicatio
for the Possession of that at Newport Report, that they wai
on the Govournor and represented the Case to him, whereup
he Wrote the Commanding officer of the French Army at
Newport inclosing the Committees Letter and united his Endea
for the clearing the House, that the French Officers respect
treated those of the Committee that waited on them and ac
-ing to assurances then given caused the House to be clear
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and in a few Days, the Key to be delivered up and the House in our Quiet possession ——

George Gumstock who was appointed in the 4th mo to make provision for holding the Yearly Meeting, presented his Acct amounting to £18-2-7 which being approved, is directed to be taken out of the Yearly Meetings Treasury ——

The Meeting adjourns to the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting of Business to be held here this Day ——

Met by Adjournment

and conferred on what came before them but the time being short and the matter being of importance to Society & requiring to be weightily deliberated upon. the Meeting adjourns to the 4th Day before the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Dartmouth at the 10th hour. ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 10th of the 10th mo 1781 —— Present Thomas Aldrich, Wm Rotch, Benj. Buffington, Daniel Cahoon, John Chace, Samuel Smith, Moses Brown, Jeremiah Austen, John Bailey, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Wilbur Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Lapham, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold, Joseph Mitchell,

Three of the Committee in the case of Job Thornton imprisonment, Report that his Case was again considered by the Town of Portsmouth but tho they at —— a Town Meeting assembled did not Vote his dismission, yet the Officer who committed him and most of the Freemen then present being disposed to dismiss him, he was the next Day released from Prison and has since remained at Liberty ——

The Matter referr'd from the last Meeting being again under Consideration We appoint Thomas Hazard, Sam: Smith Thomas Arnold, Benjamin Buffington & Jacob Mott to prepare a Draft to the Several Monthly Meetings Expressive of the Sence of this Meeting by way of advice Relating to the Members of our Society being active in pulling down

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or setting up Govourments, in places where there is or ma
be Jurisdiction Claimed or Exercised by Different Authorities
and also Respecting the holding of Offices in the present un
= settled State of Publick Affairs and to make report to
our next Meetg: ——

The Meeting Adjourns to the 4th Day betwe
the next Quarterly Meeting to be held for Rhode Island
where it may be held, at the 10th Hour —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the
9th of the 7mo 1782. Present, Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott
Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan
Dame, Samuel Smith, David Bussum, George Comfo
Jeremiah Austin, John Baily, Joseph Mitchel, Tho Wilb
William Mosier, Benjamin Buffington, Thomas Arnold,
John Chace, Tomas Lapham, and Moses Brown —

Our Friend William Jackson from Pensylvania, and
Isaac Osborn from New-York Govourment are also pres
at this Meetg —

The Committee appointed at last Meetg reported their Dra
which being considered in this Meeting and amended is
approved, and the Clerk is directed to send to each Quarterly
Meeting, or the Monthly Meetings thereto belonging
Coppies thereof as a Minute containing the Advice of this
Meeting, as follows — After a weighty Consideration of
the Representation of a Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting, this Meeting apprehends a want of due attention
to our Antient Testimony in some Members of our Society
has given and may further give pain and uneasiness to the
Body, Wherefore for the preservation of our Fellow Membe
it appears necessary for this Meeting to Issue forth the fol
= lowing advice, viz: That they Strictly Adhere to our
long profess'd & invariable principle, against being conce
in pulling down, and setting up, or bringing about Re
= volutions in outward Govourment, by outward Force, Stum
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a Policy or Contrivance, and also that they be not deceived with the Flattering prospect of being Cloathed with Secular Authority, either Legislative, Judicial or Executive, Knowing these things have a Tendency rather to brace the mind with Pride and expose to various Temptations, than to humble the Creature

Therefore shun Temptation, seek humility, the way to be Cloathed with Authority in the Truth, and be contented with the Honour and Dignity thereof — — —

It appearing to this Meeting that the Conclusions and Rules of the Yearly Meeting which were intended as Rules, have not been duly entered in the several Books of Discipline whereupon Thomas Lapham, George Comstock & Jeremiah Tucker are appointed to Inspect the Preparative Meeting Records and ascertain what Minutes are Proper to be Entered, and and to acquaint the several Quarterly Meetings therewith who are desired to have the same entered in their several Quarterly and Monthly Meeting Books of Discipline under their proper heads as soon as may be, and the Committee is desired to report to this Meeting their doings in this Matter

The General Epistle from the yearly Meeting of London in the 6th mo Last having been read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, and the Spreading the Knowledge of its Contents being thought useful, it is concluded to have the same reprinted, and Thomas Arnold and the Clerk are appointed to procure about 1900 Copies and proportion & send down to each Quarterly or Monthly Meeting as soon as may be —

An Epistle from the Quarterly Meetings Committee for Sufferings held in New-York y^e 12th of the 5mo last having been read in this Meeting giving a Sorrowful description of the Dangers to which some Members of our Society have exposed themselves, and of the Reproach the truth may be brot under by them in the pursuit of such Voiges as is therein pointed out; and this Meeting feeling a concern to guard and preserve our fellow Members from the Consequences that may arise from the pursuit thereof, in much Brotherly Love unite our fervent desires that a deep attention be paid to the concernment mentioned in the said Epistle, which being clearly Expressive

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of our minds in those respects the Clerk is directed to procure tra-
-scripts thereof and send one with a Copy of this Minute to the
Quarterly Meeting for Rhode Island to morrow and to each Mon-
-ly Meeting belonging to the other Quarters as soon as may be —
Said Epistle is as follows viz.
From a Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting Committee for
Sufferings held in New York the 12th of the 9th Mo. 1781 —
To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England
Dear Friends
In a degree of that Love which seeks the preservation
~~preservation~~ of all that are in profession with us, from the
many ensnaring temptations, we are surrounded with, do we
salute you and
Hereby inform, that we are sorrowfully affected wi-
the conduct of some that go under our name, who from an
unwarrantable desire after the perishing things of this World
have been guilty of Freighting and clearing out Vessels, from
different parts of this Continent, for particular Ports, under
Solemn engagements of the faithful performance thereof,
instead of which they have sometimes under a pretence of
being taken, and sometimes without such a Covering, g
directly to different places, thereby Intentionally falsifying
that which they had Solemnly agreed too — Which reproach
conduct, we think it our duty to lay before you — and
that there are many from the like unlawful desires, who
go under our name, have entered into Channels of trade, a
in which some have perished, and all are exposed to the m
fatal consequences — The consideration of which came serious
before us, how far we stand clear in regard to those who
may be slain while in the prosecution of a business, that
from the Clandestine manner in which it is carried on can
have no unity with, — It is therefore ardently desired, that
may all manifest our dijunity therewith by Zealously
labouring to preserve our members from any way abetti
or being concerned in these or the like dangerous Branches of
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And Dear Friends — We may also inform you, that some of your Members who have gone to Sea on trading Voyages have been taken & bro.t in here, and some of us sought to for their relief, but on examining into their Situation, have found their Conduct so inconsistant with our known Principles, that it hath been very Straitening how to act on their behalf, lest we weaken ourselves in the Eyes of those whom we have to make application too. When those who honestly suffer may stand in need of our assistance — Which nevertheless, we mention in a sympathizing feeling for your difficult Situation, yet believe if a Christian and Brotherly care, be extended in this matter, it may tend to promote our Testimony and the preservation of our Members. ——

In Brotherly Love we again salute you and remain your Friends & Brethren —

Signed in and on behalf of the Committee by

Silas Downing Clerk—

It appearing by a Coppy of a Minute from the Clerk of the Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia Dated y.e 21.st 9.th m.o 1781 That this Meeting was enabled if they tho.t best to Draw on that Committee for £150 Philadelphia Currency out of the Donation of Friends in Ireland and apply it to the relief of poor suffering Friends on Nantucket — And also by a Letter from the said Committee dated 7.th m.o 22. 1781 to Draw for 15 half Joanny to be applied to the relief of poor Friends on Rhode Island Whereupon this Meeting taking the matter under consideration Judge it may be best to draw for the said sums, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to draw on y.e said Committ accordingly, and when the Money is raised by the said of the drafts that he deliver to Jacob Mott & Isaac Lawton the amount of the 15 half Joanny, and send to Jonathan Macy and Jethro Mitchel the £150 to be by them apply.d to the relief of the said Poor, and they with the Treasurer to account to this Meet.g when accomplished —

The Meet.g adjourns to y.e 2. 2. day of the 2 Month to meet at the usual Place at Providence

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence y^e 11^th of 12^th
1782 — Present Thomas Hazard, William Rotch, Samuel Smith
David Buffum, John Baily, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, Geo
Comstock, Isaac Lawton Thomas Lapham, John Chace Thomas Arno
and Jeremiah Austin, —

Our Friend William Jackson from Pensylvania & John Alsop
from New York Govournment are also present —

Recd an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held at
Philadelphia in the 11^th mo^ last which being read and Acceptable
to this Meeting is directed to be recorded as follows —

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia
for Pensylvania & New Jersey the 15^th 11^mo 1781 —

To the Meeting for Sufferings for New England

Dear Friends

Your Epistles of the 6^th of the 6^th mo — and 11^th of 7^th mo
last have been received and read in this Meeting, and it affords us
satisfaction to be sensible of a Spirit of Sympathy and Brotherly
Love prevailing towards us, this mark of Discipleship will never
be wanting among the Children of the Heavenly Father family
however wide their outward Situations in life may be; for as
it proceeds from the Fountain of divine Love, it spreads throughout
his Militant Church, and a Spiritual Fellowship is experienced
whether the Dispensation be rejoicing or Suffering — The peace
-able Principle we profess is so opposite to the Spirit of the
World that it is no marvel if such as endeavour faithfully
to maintain it, have to partake in measure of that Cup of
Affliction which Christ our holy Pattern so largely drank of
and is often in Mercy handed forth for the refinement of his
Followers, for it is through Tribulation that the Righteous in
every age enter the Kingdom

The present is a day of deep Tryall and Probation, to
Friends here and in parts adjacent, many being much stript and
great Havock made of their Effects — We greatly desire the
Preservation of such who are thus called to Suffer, in that
Meekness and Patience becoming our Profession, which

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may convince Oppressors that it is really for Conscience-
sake toward God they Suffer, and then we have to believe our
peacable Testimony will be advanced on its right Foundation
and no doubt the reward of these will be sure —

We approve of your handing the necessary assistance to the
Brethren on Rhode Island who are in want, and as our Com.tee
appointed for the distribution of the Money raised for such
benevolent purposes have that matter under care, we expect —
you will hear from them as Occasion requires —

With respect to the Bibles you are in want of we may in-
form you, that the matter has been weightily before us, and the
difficulties under the present Circumstances of things, attending
any means of procuring them been closely considered, and no
way of obtaining them quite clear and Satisfactory appears;
although a Printer here has an Edition in hand, which he has
undertaken on his own Acc.t and has some prospect of Com-
=pleating in a few months —

We salute you in brotherly Affection & remain your Friends
and Brethren.

Sign.d in and on behalf of the Meeting by John Dimsdale Clerk

This Meeting taking in to Consideration what is said in the
Epistle from Philadelphia respecting the procuring of Bibles,
the Clerk is directed to send to each Monthly Meeting that para-
=graph respecting them, and a Copy of this Minute to express
our Conclusion that having proceeded as the Yearly Meeting direct-
=ed in Corresponding with Friends to the Westward on the
subject and no way opening to procure them, the matter
is referd to our next Yearly Meeting —

An address of the Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia
in the 11.th mo. last to the general Assembly of Pensylvania having
been read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction and it appearing
likely to be useful to Friends and others in these parts if the
contents were more generally Known, the Committee appointed
at last Meeting to have the London Epistle reprinted are directed

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to procure the same number of Copies of this address and send down with the said Epistles for the use of the Member of our Society and information of others not acquainted with our Principles in those respects, and for this purpose Friends are desired to spread the same among their Neighbours and Acquaintance

The Meeting adjourns to the 6th hour this evening —

Met by adjournment the same Members present —

A Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting being read as follows

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends for Sandwich held at the Long Plain the 1st day of the 2mo 1782 —

The Committee appointed to inspect the Securities of the Land whereon the Meeting Houses Stand belonging to the Society in Sandwich Monthly Meeting and also to confer with those that have been disowned that claim a Right in said Meeting Houses have here produced a Copy of the Instructions of their Monthly Meeting as they term it, and as it appears to this Meeting to be a matter that concerns the Society in General, our Friends Jeremiah Austin is desired to lay said Copy before the Meeting for Sufferings for their advice and assistance therein.

Copy examined by Richard Delano Clerk —

The Instructions refered to therein, as on file, being also read, and this Meeting having Weightily considered of the matter and it appearing that all our Meeting Houses are of Right under the direction of the Yearly Meeting, it is unsafe for any Monthly Meeting to make proposals to, or receive them from any number of disowned Members, concerning any division of any Meeting Houses or any other Property belonging to the Body of Friends, And as it appears that Friends of Long Plain and Rochester are often interrupted in their Religious Meetings on first Days, on Acct of the disowned Members their holding their Meetings at the same time in our Meeting Houses It is recommended that the Monthly Meeting lay the Circumstances of the Case before the Quarterly Meeting and if no way open for relief before the next Yearly Meeting that the same be carried up there, yet this Meeting being desirous of affording

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what assistance they may be enabled, appoint Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Thomas Lapham David Buffum Moses Brown Thomas Arnold, and William Mosher a Committee to visit that Monthly Meeting and sit with them, and to attend Long Plain and Rochester first Day Meetings and afford them what assistance and strength they may be Enabled, as also visit such Persons as they may think useful in support of Truth Testimony and the rights of Friends ——

This Meeting adjourns to the Day before the next Quarterly Meeting to be held for Rhode Island to meet at East Greenwich at the 10th hour ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 10th of the 4th mo— 1782 -- The Members present are Thomas Wilbur, Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, William Mosher, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchel, John Chace, and Thomas Aldrich; William Jackson also attended this Meeting ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the 2d hour this afternoon at the same place after appointing Thomas Aldrich Clerk for this time ——

Met by adjournment, George Comstock and Thomas Arnold attended at this time ——

The Clerk of this Meeting not being present by reason of the Weather and Indisposition of Body, Thomas Arnold is directed to act as Clerk at this time ——

This Meeting taking into Consideration the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia Recd at last Meeting do appoint George Comstock and Thomas Arnold, with the assistance of Moses Brown, who is absent for the reasons assigned above to prepare an Essay of an Answer to it and bring to our next meeting ——

One of the Friends appointed to procure the London Epistle, and the Address to the Government of Pensylvania Reprinted, Report that they have procured the same done and the amount of the Expence thereof being £19:10-is- ordered to be paid Thomas Arnold by the Yearly Meetings Treasurer ——

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Several of the Committee appointed to attend Sand=wich Monthly Meeting, and Long plain and Rochester first day Meetings, Report, that they have paid some Atte=tion thereto, in Visiting said Monthly Meeting as also one of them the Long plain first day Meeting which we to a good degree of Satisfaction, no disorder appearing the=in at that time, also in visiting a disowned person who belongs said Monthly Meeting Record, who upon being treated with gave some encouragment that they would be delivered up - wherefore said Committee is - continued for said Service and to report to our next Meeting -

This Meeting took under their Weighty Consideration the place of holding the Yearly Meeting next ensuing and the several places proposed closely attended to, but it not appear=ing clear at this time, to come to a conclusion, Friends are desired to bear it in mind - and this Meeting adjourns ~~adjourns~~ to the 12th Instant at the 8th hour in the Morning ——

12th day Met by Adjournment The Friends that Attended the 10th are all present as also David Buffum and Moses Brown, the place of holding the next yearly Meeting being again under Consideration it is Concluded that if the way remains Open as it is at pre=sent the same be held at Newport, for Worship at the Tenth Hour on 6th day and for Business at the third Hour, and it appearing that the Meeting House at Portsmouth is not suitable to hold a yearly meeting for Worship in as Usual it is proposed that the Select Meeting, Meet there on the 4th day at the 10th Hour, that being the time Recom=mended by the last yearly Meeting, and for the Meeting for Sufferings to meet there on fifth day at the Usual Hour, and if any Event should take place to prevent the Effect of these proposals, it is thought best for the yearly Meeting to be held at Smithfield, and the Clerk is Directed to send a Copy of this Minute to Rhode Island and Salem Quarter Meetings and Each Monthly Meeting in Sandwich Quarter

This Meeting Adjourns to the Second Second Day of Sept month at the 10th hour at Providence } Examined by Moses Brown

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 5th Mo. 1782

Present Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton Moses Brown George Comstock, Thomas Arnold, John Chace Joseph Mitchel & Samuel Smith.

Isaac Lawton Thomas Hazard & Samuel Smith, are appointed to make an essay of a draught in answer to the Epistle received in the 1st Mo. from the Quarterly Meetings Committee at New York and report at the Meeting by adjournment.

Meeting Adjourns to the 4th Hour this Afternoon.

Met by adjournment. The Committee Reported a draft of an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings for Pennsylvania & New jersey, which being read & approved the Clerk is directed to forward & Record, as follows

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New-England the 13th of the 5th Mo. 1782

To the Meeting for Sufferings for Pennsylvania & New jersey

Dear Friends Your Epistle of the 15th of the 11th Mo. last hath been read in this Meeting and is much to our Satisfaction, to find your concern for the preservation of those called to Suffer, that it may be in meekness and Patience; By manifesting to Authority, as well as to others who may be concerned in oppressing us, that we thus suffer; We are enabled truly to bear Testimony to the Superior Excellence of the Government of the Prince of Peace: And being thus watchful, standing in the faith we may with the Apostle Rom 8. 18 "Reckon that the Sufferings of this present "time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed" Whether considered with a view to the consolation within, or the brighter displays of the Glory of the Messiahs Kingdom, by the spreading over the Nations a more full Accomplishment of that Evangelical Message of Peace on Earth & Goodwill to Men. The holding up the

of the light According to our Measure, in progressive steps must therefore be an acceptable offering and the reward sure.

And as an increase of Sufferring seems to be your lot as well as ours, we hope it may more and more tend to bring us to Witness that Vir- tue which enables to take Joyfully the spoiling of goods & to increase streng and true unity in the Church. We are thus willing at this time to Com- municatee our Sincere desires for the Establishment, in the truth of Zions Travellers, And as many may be called deeply to Suffer, and to be very closely tried, we are desirous that those whose Situations in Life, are such as in some measure to be exempted therefrom, may be watchfully attentive to their Sufferring cases, not only in a collective, but individual Capacity and be careful to manifest a Spirit of Sympathy with the oppressed that by so improving the favour they enjoy, they may have a place in the Book of Remembrance.

Agreeable to your Prospect we have suspended any further en- deavours to procure Bibles, untill the Subject shall be again Considered by our Yearly Meeting. The Donations received for Nantucket & Rhode Island have been delivered to Committees at those places who we understand have made some progress in the distribution thereof.

In Love we Salute you and are your Friends & Brethren
Signed in and on behalf our said Meeting by

Moses Brown Clk

The Committee this day appointed for drafting a essay of an Epistle Reported one, which being read & approv'd the Clerk is directed to forward & Record as follows. From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 13th of the 5th Mo. 1782

To a Meeting of the Quarterly Meetings Committee for Sufferings in New

Dear Friends We received your Epistle of the 9th of the 12th Mo. last which was read in Meeting and the owning of your Love and care for the preservation of all in profession with us was Satisfactory. we have communicated your information that there were some under our Name whose conduct had been the

cause of your Sorrow to the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings, and have since been informed by some of our Members that divers of the Monthly Meetings have in Consequence thereof appointed Committees to inspect the Conduct of their Members and endeavour to prevent any further cause of the like kind. We feelingly Sympathize with you in your Straitning exercises, and desire the continuation of a reciprocal care for a more consistant walking of our Members. And desire if it may be agreeable with you that if any belonging to us, shall appear among you in a manner disagreeable or inconsistant with our Profession that you acquaint us therewith or take such other Method as you in Wisdom may judge most conducive to the General Good of our Society

With our Salutation of Brotherly Love we Conclude your Friends & brethr.

Signed in and on behalf of Said Meeting by Moses Brown Clk

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting having collected and sent up an account of Sufferings the same being inspected and approved is directed to be recorded.

It appearing to this Meeting that from the reduced State of Friends at Newport, it will be Necessary that further Provision be made for the accommodation of friends at the Yearly Meeting, than the Members there can reasonably furnish. Jacob Mott Isaac Lawton & Joseph Mitchel are appointed a Committee to take up such a Number of Houses as they Judge will be Sufficient to victual & Lodge the Friends that may attend the Yearly Meeting and to Furnish the Families with Money for Necessary Provisions & Lodgings and to do and Transact that Business with the Assistance of other Friends thereaway whom they may call upon & whose hope will unite their endeavours in such manner as they may think may afford themselves and the Meeting the best Satisfaction & the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to furnish the said Committee with what Money they may have Occasion for. The Said Committee to report their proceedings to this Meeting as soon as may be.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth
the 13th of the 6th mo, 1782.

Present Wm Mosher, Thomas Aldrich, George Comstock
Jonathan Dame, Moses Brown, Thomas Hazard, John
Baley, John Winslow, Thomas Arnold, Jeremiah Hacker
John Robinson, Jonathan Dow, Joseph Mitchell,
Benj.a Buffington, Jeremiah Austin & Isaac Lawton

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island by Adjournment
in the present month, having collected and sent up an Acct
of Sufferings, which being read, is now Approved and directed
to be Recorded.

This Meeting having diverse Matters
of Importance to Society before them, and the Time being so
far spent as not to admit of a satisfactory Conclusion
thereon, it is proposed that the Yearly Meeting be informed
thereof; and that if they think best, they Appoint a Stated
Committee to Meet on the General Concerns of Society, in Order
to ripen and prepare such Matters as may appear best
to lay before them, and the Clerk is appointed to introduce
the Substance of this Minute before the Yearly Meeting in the
early part of this Sitting. He is also directed to lay the
Minuty and proceedings of this Meeting before the Yearly
Meeting, when it may appear Convenient.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Conclusion of the Yearly
Meeting, if to be Continued.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 18th of the 6th Mo 1782
Present Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton
Jeremiah Hacker, George Comstock, Thomas Aldrich, Samuel Smith, Benjamin Arnold
Eber Chase Jonathan Dame Samuel Collins, Daniel Howland Junr & Thomas Arnold,
The Yearly Meeting having made a Reappointment of Members for this Meeting and
given Liberty to each Quarterly Meeting to send four Members beside those now present —
This Meeting Adjourns to the close of the Quarterly Meeting to be held in the 7th Mo
at Smithfield for Rhode Island —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held by Adjournment at Smithfield the 12th of 5th Mo. 1782.

Present, Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, George Comstock, Tho.s Aldrich, Sam.l Smith, Benjamin Arnold, Daniel Howland junr. Thomas Arnold also Moses Brown, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton & Tho.s Lapham who are appointed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Time being far spent at the Close of the Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to Meet here to Morrow at the 10th Hour

13th Met by Adjournment

Friends all present that were Yesterday except Tho.s Arnold who is unwell

Moses Brown is appointed Clerk of this Meeting

Two of the Committee appointed in the 8th Mo. to ascertain what minutes of the Yearly Meeting were proper to enter in the Book of Discipline Report that they have not accomplished the Business, and this Meeting being desirous the same may be effected as soon as may be Appoint Moses Brown & Daniel Howland junr. to join & Assist the Friends before appointed, and to make Report of their Proceedings at our next Meeting

It appearing necessary to this Meeting that the Security of the Lands for our Meeting Houses & Burying Ground be renewed upon a Foundation less liable to occasion difficulties than the Forms now in use Tho.s Hazard, Tho.s Lapham & Benjamin Arnold are appointed to make an Essay of such Instruments in Writing as may appear best to Answer the purpose & lay before our next Meeting

The Subject of the Yearly Meetings School being opened in this Meeting Thomas Hazard, Sam.l Smith, Moses Brown & David Buffum are appointed to prepare an Essay of a draft to be sent down to each Monthly Meeting or the Members thereof expressive of the design & intentions of this Meeting in carrying into Execution the Yearly Meetings concern on the Subject as expressed in their Minute, when we shall be enabled, and to endeavour to excite in the minds of our Brethren proper Sentiments of the propriety & usefulness of such an Institution to the end that all objections and difficulties be removed, as far as may be, that the minds of Friends may be left open & free to promote so benevolent a design toward the poor & those of small Circumstances as to the things of this life

The Meeting Adjourns to the 17th Day of next Month, then to meet at Portsmouth at the Usual Hour

Examined by Moses Brown Clk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth by Adjournment the 17th of the 8th Mo. 1782

Present Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lanton, Samuel Smith, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, George Comstock, Thomas Lapham, Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold & Daniel Howland &c

The Committee to examine the Records reported Extracts containing conclusions & Advices of the Yearly Meeting from the Year 1760 to 1781 Inclusive, which they are desired to Transcribe & send down a Copy to each Quarterly Meeting as soon as may be agreeable to the first Appointment & Report when accomplished

This Meeting Adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment

The Committee appointed to make an Essay of a Draft expressive of the design & intention of Friends &c in the Yearly Meetings School, having presented one which has been Read to general Satisfaction, but it being of some length & containing divers Quotations from the Account of the Yearly Meeting of London's School; Our Friends Thomas Arnold & Thomas Hazard are appointed a Committee to take the same & have a fair Copy made out, inserting the Quotations in their proper places & make such corrections as may appear necessary to compleating the same for this Meetings further direction, how the knowledge of the contents may be best spread to answer the purpose intended, and to Report to our next Meeting

The Committee to prepare a Draft for the Security of our Meeting Houses and Land, reported one to which some Addition appearing necessary, the same Committee are desired to compleat the same & lay before our next Meeting

The Committee appointed to Provide for holding the Yearly Meeting presented their Account of Expence Amounting in the whole to £88..16..10 which Sum the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay to Jacob Mott

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th Mo. at Apponeganset in Dartmouth

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 12th of the 10th Mo. 1782. Present Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Lapham, Elisha Thornton, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Arnold

From the Meeting for Sufferings for New-England, to the ſeveral Quarterly and Monthly-Meetings belonging to the Yearly-Meeting.

Dear Friends,

BEING moved by the Yearly-Meeting, as well as by renewed deſires being raiſed in ourſelves, to encourage and promote the inſtitution of a School, or Schools, for the virtuous education of our youth; and as we are apprehenſive the deſign and intention of the Yearly-Meeting has not been clearly underſtood by many, whereby objections and diſcouragements with well-minded Friends have aroſe, tending to ſhut up the benevolence which otherwiſe might have been manifeſt by a more general, free and liberal contribution, to an inſtitution intended for and which promiſes eſſential benefits to the poor and others, not only for the preſent, but for generations to come: We are therefore engaged to lay before you the intentions of Friends in this eſtabliſhment, and our purpoſe of executing them, when and as far as we are enabled; and to add ſuch remarks as may remove, as far as may be, ſuch objections as we have heard ſuggeſted. There are ſome, and we hope not a few, yet amongſt us, who, as the reſtraining principle of truth hath been raiſed into dominion, have been made uneaſy in their minds, at their children's going to ſchools of thoſe not of our ſociety, nor under the government of it; where there is generally a corruption of language and often of manners imbibed, if not taught as parts of their inſtruction.

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Thoſe who have a concern for a right education of their riſing offſpring, that they may be preſerved in the ſimplicity of truth, are deſirous to have them brought up and inſtructed in the way they ſhould go, that when they are old they may not depart from it. From this ſource ariſes the preſent concern of the Yearly-Meeting, correſpondent with the concern of our worthy ancients, who we find by the diſcipline eſtabliſhed amongſt us as a people, as early as the year 1690, adviſe Friends every where, "as far as they are able or may be ca- "pable, to provide ſchool-maſters and miſtreſſes, who are "faithful Friends, to teach and inſtruct their children, and "not to ſend them to ſuch ſchools where they are taught the "corrupt ways, manners, faſhions, and language of the world, "and of the heathen, in their authors and names of the hea- "theniſh gods and goddeſſes, tending greatly to corrupt and "alienate the minds of children into an averſeneſs or oppoſi- "tion againſt the truth, and againſt the ſimplicity of it." The want of attention to which advice has occaſioned the well-concerned amongſt us for the happineſs of the riſing generation, and proſperity of truth, to mourn for the hurt thereby ſuſtained in our ſociety. Our principles lead to a ſeparation from the world, its cuſtoms, habits, language, and manners; how then can we hope for faithful ſucceſſors in our *poſterity*, or that they will come up in principles and practice agreeable thereto, if we continue ſo far to neglect the early care of our offſpring, as to ſend them to ſchools where principles and practices ſo repugnant are inculcated and taught? It is eſſential to the continuance of every ſociety, upon the foundation of its riſe and eſtabliſhment, that its firſt principles be often recurred to. The principle of light and truth, which firſt ſeparated our ancients from the world, early led George Fox, that ancient worthy follower of our Lord, into a ſight of the neceſſity of a ſeparation from the world, in the education of the ſucceeding generations, even before the eſtabliſhment of the diſcipline which the Lord was then opening in him, and is in the hands of faithful members as a hedge around us as a people.

people. In the year 1667, after being at Hertford at ſettling the men's Monthly-Meeting, and returning towards London, he adviſed the ſetting up a ſchool at Waltham for teaching boys, and alſo a woman's ſchool to be opened at Shacklewell, for inſtructing girls and young maidens in "*whatſoever things were civil and uſeful in the creation.*" See journal, page 395. And his concern for the proſperity of the ſchools is manifeſt by his viſiting them in various parts, an example ſtill worthy the attention of the Lord's ſervants. Some may be ready to ſay, it is evident that truth requires its profeſſors ſhould be inſtructed and exampled by its followers; but, ſay they, how does this apply to, or make neceſſary, the Yearly-Meeting ſchool, it being each Monthly-Meeting's concern to attend to this neceſſary care? True, it is the duty and ſhould be the care of rightly-concerned Friends, in each Monthly-Meeting, to ſee, as far as may be, that proper ſchools are kept up for the right education of the children. The queſtion is of importance, and needs to be anſwered, as it leads to the riſe of the propoſition for the preſent inſtitution. At the Yearly-Meeting in 1779 there came up a propoſal from Rhode-Iſland Quarter, and at the ſame time a recommendation from our brethren of Pennſylvania and New-Jerſey, by their epiſtle from the Yearly-Meeting, reſpecting the education of our youth, in ſchools under the care of ſolid Friends; which took the ſolid attention of our Yearly-Meeting, and they recommended to each Quarter to appoint a Committee, to "aſſiſt the ſeveral Monthly-Meetings in the beſt method of educating children and youth amongſt Friends, and to return an account next year, in order to ripen the ſubject for further advice and aſſiſtance in this intereſting matter." The Quarterly-Meetings, upon inſpection by the ſaid Committees, did not find any ſchools under the immediate care of Monthly-Meetings; nor were there any ſtanding Committees for that purpoſe, in any Monthly-Meeting, ſave one; but upon a large and favoured conference of the Committee from Rhode-Iſland Quarterly-Meeting, with the Committees of ſeven Monthly-Meetings, half the number in the

the Yearly-Meeting aſſembled upon the occaſion, with other ſolid Friends. "There appeared a diſpoſition in each Monthly-Meeting to reform in our practice, and get as faſt as may be into the education of children and youth in ſchools wholly under the tuition of Friends, and the government of the ſeveral Monthly-Meetings, by Committees to be appointed for that purpoſe." And accordingly the Quarterly-Meeting's Committee gave forth advice, in the 10th month, 1779, "that Friends do not, after their preſent contracts expire, ſend their children to ſchools kept by inſtructors not of our ſociety, or not under the regulation of Friends, without the adviſement of the School-Committee of their reſpective Monthly-Meetings;" which limitation, though it may to ſome ſeem as the effect of modern zeal, is ſupported by an ancient recommendation of our Yearly-Meeting in 1709, which may not be improper on this occaſion to recite, "that Friends do their endeavours to get Friends ſchool-maſters or miſtreſſes, and in want of ſuch to have their children taught at home, not ſend them to ſuch as are not Friends; becauſe of the danger of being corrupted with the hurtful converſation of the youth, or otherwiſe."

The ſaid Committee had further to obſerve, in their report to the Quarterly-Meeting, "that the great difficulty that ſeemed to attend Friends, at this time, reſpecting the eſtabliſhing proper ſchools in the ſeveral Meetings, is the great defect of education in times paſt, whereby perſons ſuitably qualified for ſchool-maſters are not eaſily, if at all, to be had. If therefore the Quarterly-Meetings could promote a ſchool, where boarding-ſcholars might be received and taught, in ſuch a manner as to qualify our youth, of the riſing generation, to teach ſchool, we think it would be an acceptable ſervice." Which being accepted, and the ſubſtance ſent up to the Yearly-Meeting, and being read there, with the accounts from the other Quarters, the ſubject at large came weightily before the Meeting, and a large Committee was appointed to take the

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ſubject into conſideration, and report what appeared beſt to be done *further* in that matter. From all which it appears evident, that the early care of Friends to guard againſt a declenſion, which doubtleſs was foreſeen would ariſe in the ſociety, if a care was not duly attended to in the virtuous education of the riſing generation, in our principles and practices, and to guard againſt the corruptions incident to mixtures with others at large, has not had the deſired effect. Several cauſes for which may be aſſigned, one of which is the want of proper attention, in too many, to the firſt principle of light and truth as afore mentioned, which ſeparates from the world, and which would engage all our members to comply, as far as circumſtances would admit, with the advices of ſuperior Meetings upon this ſubject, which has been ſorrowfully felt by ſome amongſt us, who have to believe that the outgoings of many of our youth have been greatly owing to the want of attention in parents to this great duty of a right education of their offſpring. The difficulty of procuring ſuitable ſchool-maſters, and in ſmall Meetings members living too remote from each other to daily go to and return from one ſchool, and the want of ability, in many families, both on account of their education and their ſtreightened circumſtances in life, render the proper inſtruction of their children in their families impracticable. To remedy theſe difficulties, make education cheap and eaſy for all in ſociety to come at, in a more guarded, ſafe and uſeful manner; and eſpecially that the affecting and reproachful anſwers to our queries, too often heard, that our poor do not partake of ſuitable learning to fit them for buſineſs, the concern of Friends is extended to

The inſtitution founded by the Yearly-Meeting, in 1780, as follows:

"We the Committee appointed to conſider of a plan for the erecting of a ſchool or ſchools, for the education of our children and youth, in order to qualify not only a ſufficient number

number for inſtructors and ſchool-maſters, but that the poor children and others of the ſociety may receive the neceſſary learning to qualify them for buſineſs, having conſidered with attention, and ſolidly conferred upon the ſubject, do propoſe the recommending down to the ſeveral Quarterly and Monthly-Meetings, the promoting free, liberal and voluntary ſubſcriptions, donations, bequeſts and deviſes, adequate to the deſign and importance of the ſubject, as a fund to remain forever; the intereſt or income of which to be applied to the ſupport of education: That there be a ſtanding Committee appointed by this Yearly-Meeting, to whom, or ſome of them, deeds and conveyances of real eſtate may be made, as Truſtees for the Yearly-Meeting for New-England; and to be authoriſed to receive all donations, collections and ſubſcriptions; and to take care of deviſes, which may be from time to time for the purpoſes aforeſaid, and to appropriate the ſame, and to be in all caſes ſubject to the direction of the Yearly-Meeting. And that ſaid Committee, as ſoon as it ſhall be enabled, open a ſchool, in ſuch place as they may judge moſt convenient, within the limits of this Yearly-Meeting. And as the fund ſhall or may be increaſed, to increaſe the number of ſchools, if neceſſary, in the moſt convenient places, within the limits aforeſaid: And have the right of procuring and approbating all maſters and inſtructors of ſuch ſchools; and alſo to eſtabliſh general rules and orders, both for the obſervation of the inſtructors and pupils, directing the books that ſhall or may be read, and the branches of learning to be inculcated, conſiſtent with truth and the good order of ſociety; and to take the neceſſary care that they are faithfully attended unto. The ſaid Committee to be ſubject, from time to time, to the adviſement and direction of this Meeting; and to be annually re-appointed, if thought beſt, or removed, as occaſion may require: And that the ſaid fund is to be conſidered as a perpetual eſtate, limited and confined to the purpoſes of education irrevocably; but that the direction and application thereof be in the Yearly-Meeting, or their Committee—

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who are to have liberty to receive into the ſaid ſchool or ſchools orderly youth, not of our ſociety (they complying with the rules and regulations of the ſchool) whenever the Committee may, after due conſideration of all circumſtances, think it uſeful and beſt. And as it appears a care is reviving in moſt Monthly-Meetings for the due education of the riſing generation, it is the deſire of this Committee that ſuch care be continued and increaſed, and that the example of this Meeting operate as an encouragement to each particular Meeting, to attend to ſo important and neceſſary a concern.

"And in order to the ſpeedy eſtabliſhment of this neceſſary inſtitution, we recommend a ſubſcription in freedom to be promoted in all the Meetings, to be forthwith applied for the purpoſes aforeſaid; and that it become the care of Friends in future to promote annually ſubſcriptions, to be applied to the uſe of the ſchool, until the income of the fund ſhall be ſufficient, and ſo make ſuch annual ſubſcriptions unneceſſary.

"Which being ſeveral times read, and weightily conſidered, this Meeting approves of the ſame, and commits the care and management thereof to the Meeting for Sufferings; any of whom are empowered to receive donations, to be conveyed to the Meeting for their diſpoſal: And that any three or more to be by them named be feoffees in truſt for the Yearly-Meeting, to receive deeds and conveyances of any real eſtate."

It appears that Friends, not only in the ſouthern governments upon this continent, but in England and Ireland, about the ſame time, without the notice of each other, have been moved upon to a renewed care of the riſing youth in this reſpect. Our brethren in England have informed us of their approbation and ſatisfaction to hear of our intention; and that they had eſtabliſhed an inſtitution in their Yearly-Meeting of the like kind, which afforded a promiſing proſpect of

of uſefulneſs: The liberal benevolence of Friends there being ſuch, as to raiſe the fund already ſo large, as to purchaſe an eſtate, educate, victual and cloath, upwards of 300 boys and girls, at the ſmall expence, to their parents, of 8 guineas a year, or 3s. 3d. ſterling per week. It appears to us the revival of engagement amongſt Friends, on this ſubject ſo generally, ought to be conſidered by all, who are deſirous of promoting the reformation in our ſociety, as a favour; and that encouragement is thereby adminiſtered.

To come up to their example in full we do not expect; yet ſo far as circumſtances require, and ability is afforded, we think it worthy our imitation. And as an account of that inſtitution hath been publiſhed in a letter, written by our Friend John Fothergill, and laid before us, we think it may be acceptable and uſeful to recite ſome parts of it for your encouragement; eſpecially thoſe deſcribing the intentions of Friends, being well expreſſed, and correſpondent with our intentions, in putting to practice the plan referred to our execution.

He ſays, "I need not here recapitulate the abundant care, and the many endeavours that have been uſed for the education of Friends children. We have many ſchools for the education of youth amongſt us, and very deſerving ſchool-maſters, in various parts of this nation, where the children of thoſe in affluent circumſtances receive a competent ſhare of learning; and that thoſe who are of leſs ability may partake of the like benefit, is the object of the preſent inſtitution, and I hope it will be practicable to draw a line between thoſe who are the proper objects of this eſtabliſhment, and ſuch whoſe circumſtances allow them to ſend their children to the preſent ſchools, as will give no juſt cauſe of complaint." And after mentioning the generous exertions of many Friends, in liberally ſubſcribing to the inſtitution during the ſittings of the Yearly-Meeting, he ſays, "from this time I confeſs I have felt very little diſcouragement,

ragement, notwithſtanding the labour and care that muſt attend the ſettling this extenſive concern. Is there any thing of great value in this life, that doth not require proportionable care and labour to obtain it? I perſuade myſelf we are making proviſion not merely for the *ſubſiſtence* of great numbers of children of both ſexes, in a ſafe and healthy retreat, but are likewiſe providing for their *orderly* and *Chriſtian education*. Too few are the parents who can honeſtly ſay, "that they train up their children in godly converſation, in plainneſs of ſpeech, behaviour and apparel, and in frequent reading the holy ſcriptures." Here we truſt due care will be taken, both of their principles and conduct. From what I can learn, it does not ſeem that much backwardneſs, in reſpect to this affair, has appeared in any place. If it has not proceeded every where with equal alacrity, it ſeems to have been owing more to the want of due information than any other cauſe. It is agreed, that as the ſchool is intended for the education, maintenance and cloathing of children, whoſe parents are not in affluence, that they ſhall be inſtructed in reading, writing and accompts, as fully as the time allowed them will permit. Some uſeful employment may be provided for the boys, according as their age, ſtrength, talents or condition, may require. Learning and labour, properly intermixed, greatly aſſiſt the ends of both, a ſound mind in a healthy body. The girls alſo will be inſtructed in knitting, ſpinning, uſeful needle-work, and in ſuch domeſtic occupations as are ſuitable to their ſex and ſtations. I believe it is the wiſh of all concerned in this important affair, that by gentleneſs, kind and affectionate treatment, holding out encouragement and approbation to the deſerving, exerting the influence of the fear of ſhame, and prompting the children to every act of kindneſs and beneficence one towards another, to bring forward into the ſociety and its ſervice a number of youth, who may have been made acquainted under ſuch tuition, in degree, with the diſcipline of wiſdom. Many children amongſt us ſuſtain a grievous loſs, by not being early and properly made acquainted with the principles we profeſs. For want

of this inſtruction, they become too eaſy a prey to the cuſtoms of the world; and thoſe habitudes, which would be as a kind of hedge about them, and protect from many temptations, are thrown down, and all the allurements of vice and folly ſuffered to ſeduce their affections to their ruin. When they ceaſe to be diſtinguiſhed from others by their garb and deportment, they too often ceaſe to be diſtinguiſhed from the world by their morals, and the rectitude of their conduct.

"The hiſtory of the riſe and progreſs of Friends, their principles, their ſufferings, and the indulgences granted them by the legiſlature, will probably make a part of this inſtruction to the children of both ſexes, as well as the general doctrines of religion and morality. But above all, it is hoped that every opportunity will be embraced of cheriſhing, in their tender minds, obedience to that principle of light and truth which is given us to profit withal. And however neceſſary it is for all to be bred up in the fear of offending this pure inward ſpirit of truth, which naturally leavens the mind into a teachable, ſubmiſſive frame; yet to thoſe whoſe condition in life makes a juſt ſubordination a duty, a temper of this kind muſt be an invaluable bleſſing. Perhaps there is nothing in the common courſe of public education in the world, that ſo unfits men for that humble attention to the divine monitor within, that renders them ſuch perfect ſtrangers to the ſpirit of Chriſtianity, and all its happy effects, as the cultivation of a bold unfeeling diſpoſition, under a notion of promoting manlineſs and courage; it too often ſets aſide that great defence and ornament of youth, a modeſt ingenuous temper; accuſtoms them to throw off the reſtraints of duty and affection, and at length to bid defiance to entreaty, admonition and reproof. In this place it is hoped that endeavours will be uſed to form in the children a temper widely different, equally remote from a culpable fear and ſervility, and an audaciouſneſs that knows no reſpect for order or authority. There is a circumſtance in the bringing up of Friends children, which has been and yet is of greater

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importance to them than perhaps is generally apprehended, and I mention it, as in the propoſed inſtitution it will doubtleſs be particularly regarded. To habituate children, from their early infancy, to ſilence and attention, is of the greateſt advantage to them, not only as a preparative to their advancement in a religious life, but as the ground-work of a well-cultivated underſtanding. We are almoſt the only profeſſors of Chriſtianity, who acknowledge the uſe of this abſolutely neceſſary introduction to Chriſtian knowledge and Chriſtian practice. To have the active minds of children early put under a kind of reſtraint, to be accuſtomed to turn their attention from external objects, and habituated to a degree of abſtracted quiet, is a matter of great conſequence and laſting benefit to them. To this they are inured in our aſſemblies, and to ſit in ſilence with decency and compoſure. Though it cannot be ſuppoſed their young and active minds are always engaged as they ought to be, yet to be accuſtomed thus to quietneſs, and initiated to curb and reſtrain the ſallies of their youthful diſpoſitions, is no ſmall point gained towards fixing a habit of patience and recollection, and a regard to decorum, which ſeldom forſakes thoſe who have been properly inſtructed in this entrance to the ſchool of wiſdom, during the reſidue of their days. Did the ſubject of this letter admit of it, it would not be difficult to ſhew, from abundant authority, and reaſon itſelf, the vaſt aid afforded to the improvement of the human mind, by early habits of ſilent attention. The moſt ancient ſchools of philoſophy taught and practiſed it; and the ſcriptures are ſo full of precepts on this head, as ought to remove every objection to this neceſſary duty. As it muſt happen that, in many places, the children of thoſe who are objects of my preſent conſideration are deſtitute of ſuch opportunities, by the remoteneſs of their parents ſituation from meetings; it is another call to ſociety to prevent, as much as poſſible, the loſs ariſing from ſuch circumſtances. How many farmers, manufacturers and others, are often under the neceſſity of ſitting down in places at a great diſtance from a meeting? In which caſe, if they have numer-

ous families, the moſt they can do may be to take with them the eldeſt, when the younger are left at home untutored in this moſt wholeſome diſcipline, till the practice becomes a burthen to them. To this conſideration it will not be improper to add another which is connected with it, and that is the want of opportunities of ſending their children to Friends ſchools. By which means, if they have any learning at all afforded them, it is under the tuition of ſuch as are moſtly ſtrangers to our principles, and the practice derived from them, plainneſs of ſpeech, ſimplicity of manners, and that beginning of wiſdom, which is inſpired by the fear of the Lord. On the contrary, they are liable to aſſociate with ſuch children as are unacquainted with all theſe things; taught to deride thoſe who practiſe them, and live at large to appetite and cuſtom. And how often does it happen that the children of Friends, in ſuch ſituations, bred up with unprincipled licentious youths, form connexions with them, to their own great hurt, the diſtreſs of their parents, and the loſs of many a valuable member to ſociety?"

We may now mention, that the ſtate of ſociety amongſt us, at preſent being different from the ſtate of Friends in England, as to there being ſchools ſufficient under the government of Friends, where the children of thoſe who are of ability to pay may be inſtructed; the children of ſuch therefore, with the poor, muſt be admitted, under ſuitable regulations, ſo as not to preclude the poor, whenever preſented; they being the firſt in view to be inſtructed. We do not expect it will be beſt to delay opening the ſchool until there is a ſufficiency to board the whole ſcholars out of the fund; but as ſoon as one can be opened, to teach and board thoſe who are or may be conſidered as the poor of the ſociety, it may be beſt to proceed. The period for opening the ſchool muſt depend upon the liberality of each Monthly-Meeting, and their members, to ſubſcribe for the promotion of ſo benevolent a purpoſe. As faſt

faſt as the fund encreaſes beyond the proportion of ſcholars, the expence for their inſtruction will be leſſened.

After having thus explained the intention of Friends in this undertaking, which we hope and truſt may be of uſe to future generations, if properly ſupported, and conducted with that prudence and œconomy which have hitherto accompanied the management of our affairs, we may add ſome remarks on ſuch objections to this deſign, as we recollect to have heard mentioned or ſuggeſted. It hath been alledged here, as in the caſe of the Ackworth-School, that it might be much more advantageous to ſociety, could ſeveral ſimilar ſchools be ſettled in different parts of the Yearly-Meeting. This, ſays the letter, "at firſt ſight may appear a reaſonable allegation. It may be thought that ſmall ſchools are more eaſily managed than larger, that much would be ſaved in ſending children backward and forward, that many parents would conſent to ſending their children fifty miles, who would object to three or four times that diſtance; and, in ſhort, that each ſchool being under the guidance of Friends, in the particular diſtrict whoſe conveniency it is to ſerve, its management would be inſpected with more attention and ſucceſs, than might be ſuppoſed to be the caſe with ſuch an affair as the preſent." But let us look at the probability that ſuch ſchools would be erected: Have we not ſeen the endeavours of concerned Friends, and the Yearly-Meeting, by their recommendation to each Monthly-Meeting, to promote ſchools under their own care, without the deſired effect? And in England Friends found by experience, that it was poſſible to draw the attentions of Friends to one conſiderable object, and intereſt themſelves in its ſupport, whilſt leſſer ones in a ſhort time diſappeared; unleſs, as our friend John Fothergill obſerves, we ſhould diſcover a more lively zeal to promote ſuch undertakings, than ſome late endeavours made appear.—Nevertheleſs, if experience ſhould teach us that more ſchools in different parts will be moſt uſeful, whenever the funds are raiſed

raiſed ſufficient, they may and doubtleſs will be erected.—But let not this idea divide Friends attention in the beginning, of which there is danger in the preſent caſe, if we are not careful to keep out *ſelf*, ſo that our charity may be of that nature which the Apoſtle aſſures us "ſeeketh not her own." 1 Cor. xiii. 5. Then we ſhall be able to come up to his further advice, "let no man ſeek his own, but another's welfare." 1 Cor. x. 24.

We are ſatisfied the *expence* on the whole will not, in the method propoſed, be equal to the coſt of education equally good about home, could the ſame be had; and to the poor and middling in circumſtances the expence will be conſiderably leſſened, as the principal amount of the contribution will doubtleſs come from thoſe of eaſier circumſtances, and we doubt not many Friends now deceaſed, could they have foreſeen it, would gladly have promoted ſo uſeful an inſtitution in their wills; and as little can we doubt, that others will gladly embrace a like opportunity hereafter. The diſadvantage of educating our youth in a place of bad examples, may ſerve to put us upon a care where we fix the inſtitution, no place being yet fixed upon, that it may be in a neighbourhood of ſolid Friends. He ſays, "to ſerve the riſing generation, and promote its benefit, the ſum of £ 3000 was generouſly ſubſcribed by Friends, a houſe built, and an able, well-qualified maſter was procured. It was intended to be a day-ſchool, but ſuch was the ill effect of the children mixing with others, in going to and from ſchool; ſo much were they hurt by bad examples, and bad company, that thoſe who had engaged in the generous deſign, found it neceſſary to abandon it, merely, as it appeared, from this circumſtance. Such is the neceſſity of preſerving youth from the influence of bad example, if we hope to preſerve them in innocence and ſimplicity. The proſpect of avoiding both theſe cauſes of diſappointment, ſeems only obtainable in ſuch an inſtitution as the preſent, where, in the firſt place, every reaſonable endeavour will be uſed, that

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none make a part of the family, whoſe conduct is not exemplary; and, in the next, no opportunities will be afforded the children educated there of mixing with others, to their harm." As the like objection has been made on account of the expence of travel from the remote parts of the Yearly-Meeting, as was made to the Ackworth-School, we may give the ſame anſwer. "This expence will be greatly reduced, if the children are allowed to remain there ſuch a length of time as may enable them to receive competent inſtruction: The longer they are permitted to remain, the leſs burthenſome their conveyance." To relieve this expence, we find twopence ſterling a mile is allowed, for all diſtances above 50 miles, to be paid out of the ſtock; ſomething ſimilar may and doubtleſs will be allowed, to make this article as eaſy to all parties as the nature of the caſe will admit. "It will perhaps be urged, that many Friends may be unwilling to ſend their children to ſo diſtant a part of the nation. It muſt ever be a difficulty to affectionate parents, to loſe ſight of their objects of regard and attachment. But is it not daily ſeen, that parents, in the moſt affluent circumſtances, both amongſt us and others, part with their offſpring to the greateſt diſtances, when the benefit in proſpect for their children claims ſuch a ſacrifice? The ſchools of Friends, in the north and in the weſt of England, chiefly conſiſt of children from the greateſt diſtances; and they often remain at them, unſeen by their parents, a longer time than perhaps may be the caſe at this ſchool. Beſides, have we not ſeen this objection totally removed by what has happened at Gilderſome, a place as remote from London, and the eaſtern and ſouthern parts of this kingdom, as Ackworth? Beſides, the ſeparation of children from their connexions is oftentimes of much conſequence to themſelves and their families, by preventing improper aſſociations, or diſſolving ſuch as have been already formed, greatly to the unhappineſs of many an affectionate careful parent. There is one objection of much weight, that naturally preſents itſelf to the view of every conſiderate perſon, which is the ſituation of the times. This is moſt certainly a

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diſcouragement to every public undertaking, and to this in particular—but with the difficulties of the times the neceſſity of ſuch proviſion keeps equal pace. Many may be obliged to accept of that help which they could once afford to others; and one of the ſureſt means, perhaps, of averting ſuch neceſſity, will be to conſider ourſelves as ſtewards of the bleſſings we enjoy; and that by communicating to the wants of others, we are laying up proviſion againſt want ourſelves. Large contributions are not expected where but a little can be ſpared, and thoſe who are of ability we truſt will not withhold their aſſiſtance. To deſcend into all the objections that could be framed would be tedious: I believe we ſhall all be of opinion, that thoſe who do not chooſe to part with any thing, however commendable and neceſſary the occaſion, will be found the moſt fertile in raiſing objections.—Hitherto there has been no reaſon to complain. When the matter was opened at the Yearly-Meeting, and properly explained, Friends ſeemed to vie with one another in their generous efforts. This has likewiſe been the caſe, wherever the nature of the affair has been rightly underſtood." May this alſo be the caſe of us in New-England, after the intentions of Friends herein manifeſted are generally made known. And we may further mention our concern, in the language of a Committee of upwards of ſixty Friends, from various quarters of the Yearly-Meeting of London, with divers other Friends from diſtant parts—" in order that the great end of eſtabliſhing this ſchool (a pious, guarded, uſeful education of the children of Friends not in affluence) may be more effectually obtained, it appeared to be the wiſh of all preſent that ſome Friend might be found willing to accept the office of Treaſurer, and to reſide at the place—one whoſe age, reputation and experience, as well in a religious progreſs as in temporal concerns, may qualify him to promote, in every part of the family, the main object of this inſtitution: And it is much to be deſired that ſuch an one might engage from principle of duty. Beſides reading and writing, and uſeful accompts, inſtruction upon other ſubjects,

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ſuitable to their years and ſituations, is intended to be given them, and theſe to be intermixed occaſionally with ſome light manual occupations; ſuch as may at once be conducive to their health, leſſen the unpleaſantneſs of application, and be in ſome degree uſeful to them in future life, be their condition what it may; improving each ſex in their reſpective vocations, as much as may be, keeping always in remembrance, that to make them acquainted with themſelves, and to ſtand in awe of him who made them, and not to ſin againſt his holy law in their hearts, will prove, through life, a ſource of ſolid comfort." It is not practicable preciſely to define the inſtructions to be given in this inſtitution, but what is mentioned by our worthy ancient, George Fox, when he adviſed the firſt ſchools ſet up, comprehends the intention of Friends in this reſpect, and is worthy to be repeated: "In whatever things were civil and uſeful in the creation." There no ſuperfluity is allowed, and we hope we and our ſucceſſors may have an eye thereto, and not go beyond what truth and our Chriſtian diſcipline enjoin; and as the direction of the ſchool will ever remain in the Yearly-Meeting, it is to be hoped Friends may be eaſy in their minds as to any apprehenſions on that account. The poor, and thoſe of ſmall circumſtances, as mentioned, are the objects principally in view; theſe, when qualified for ſchool-maſters, as well as other buſineſs, are more likely to be uſeful in that laborious but neceſſary occupation, than thoſe whoſe parents may be in affluence, being more likely to ſit down and gain experience therein, than thoſe who may have more temptations to take their flight into the world. All diſtinctions, as in the Ackworth-School, are to be avoided as much as poſſible; the children here, as there, ought to value themſelves on no other ſuperiority than behaving themſelves better than others, both in reſpect to learning and conduct. They are all to be conſidered as children of one family, under the care of that body which intereſts itſelf deeply in the welfare of them all. The riches, the poverty, the good or bad conduct of their connexions, muſt here have no

other regard paid them, than ſuch as may proceed from the neceſſity of guarding againſt the influence of any of theſe circumſtances, to the children's future diſadvantage.—And if the fund of this, as in that inſtitution, comes ever to ſupport an uniformity of dreſs, we think, as it may tend to prevent undue diſtinction, it would be well to follow their example therein. "Though the children's improvement in learning, their health, and other ſuitable accommodations, are matters of great moment in ſuch an inſtitution as this, yet there is one of a ſuperior nature; to promote a tender, teachable diſpoſition, inuring them to bear that yoke in their youth which will moderate their deſires, and make way for the ſoftening influence of divine good-will in their hearts, fitting them for the faithful diſcharge of every duty in life, yielding content in affliction, moderation in proſperity, becoming at once the ſafeguard and ornament of every ſtage in life, from youth to ripe old age. This, I truſt, will be the conſtant, uniform endeavour of thoſe, in an eſpecial manner, who may be engaged in the immediate ſervice of the family, in whatſoever ſtation they may be placed. I know this is the fervent deſire of many, and I truſt I may ſay of all who are engaged in this matter;" to which we may, alſo put our ſeal.

Having thus given you an account of the ſenſe and intentions of this Meeting, reſpecting the inſtitution, we may, by direction of the Yearly-Meeting, as well as from a deſire of ſeeing the plan executed for the benefit of the preſent generation, as well as poſterity, recommend to Friends generally, to make ſubſcriptions in freedom and openneſs of mind, conſiſtent with truth and becoming its followers, united in the ſame cauſe of promoting each other in love and good works. And it is the deſire of this Meeting, that as ſoon as Friends are eaſy to compleat their ſubſcriptions, they will ſend them up, and if any Monthly-Meeting or concerned Friends are deſirous

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of any further information, we will endeavour to give them a ſatisfactory anſwer.

*Signed in and by Order of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, for New-England, the Eleventh of the Eleventh Month*, 1782.

By *MOSES BROWN*, Clerk.

P. S. By a printed report of the ſtate of Ackworth-School, in 1780, it appears there had been, from its being opened, in the 9th month, 1778, to the 31ſt of the 12th month, 1780, 314 children admitted; that from the progreſs then made in that undertaking, a guarded, religious and uſeful education, had been procured for many Friends children, then in the houſe, who could not otherwiſe have had theſe eſſential advantages; that ſeveral were then well qualified for ſervants and apprentices, and that any Monthly-Meeting ſending a liſt of their ſubſcribers, the names would be inſerted in the Ackworth books, which Friends are informed will alſo be the caſe here.

*PROVIDENCE*: Printed by *JOHN CARTER*.

David Buffum, Samuel Smith, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Daniel Howland Junr, George Comestock, Moses Brown, Jonathan Dame, as also Ethro Mitchell & Joseph Rogers, who are appointed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, as Members of this Meeting —

The day being nearly Spent the Meeting Adjourns to the Second day of next Month, at the Tenth Hour, then to meet at Providence.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence ye 11th of ye 11th Mo 1782.

Present — Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Aldrich, Sam: Smith, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, David Buffum, George Comestock, Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Howland Junr, Moses Brown, Thomas Lapsham, Thomas Arnold, and Elisha Thornton.

A fair, Corrected Copy, of the Manuscript on the Subject of the Yearly Meetings School being presented by the Committee & Read upr, this Meeting approved thereof, & as it appears best that the Same be Printed in order that the Contents may be usefully spread amongst Friends, Thomas Arnold & Moses Brown are appointed to procure 200 Copys printed at the Expence of the Yearly Meeting, and Send one to each Monthly Meeting to be Read therein as soon as may be & Report to this Meeting when accomplished, when our further directions may be given respecting the Division of the Remainder among the several Monthly Meetings —

N.B. the Manuscript being Printed a Copy is hereto Annexed.

The matter respecting the Security of our Meeting Houses & and not being compleated, is again Refered to the Same Committee to Report next Meeting) —

The matter respecting Bibles Refered back to this Meeting by the Yearly Meeting, being again under consideration & nothing Coming to, Incase them this Meeting thinks best to Suspend that matter till Something further Occurs

This Meeting being desirous of having the Yearly Meetings School begin as Soon as there appears a Sufficiency to effect it usefully. Our Friends Sam: Smith, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Hazard & Thomas Aldrich are Appointed to examine into the State of the Fund & to encourage Subscriptions, to Estimate the means necessary & to consider of a place where & a Person for a Master, if likely to be Soon needed & to take the Subject up in such a manner as to ripen it for our further determination at our next Meeting, when they are desired to Report.

The Meeting Adjourns to the close of the Quarterly Meeting at Swanzey in the First Mo next —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 11th of the first Mo. 1783

Present Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, George Comestock, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Dame, Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Thornton, Joseph Rogers, Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold as also our Friend Robert Valet on a Religious Visit from East Nottingham

The Committee to get the Address printed Report, that they have procured 200 Copys & sent one to each Monthly Meeting the remainder they are directed to proportion to the several Monthly Meetings according to the usual distribution of Epistles & forward them as soon as may be

The Amount of the Cost being £4.. the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay to Moses Brown

The matter respecting the Securities of our Meeting House Lots &c being again under Consideration, & there appearing a concern that the form concluded on may be consistent with Truth in every respect, & it appearing difficult to come at this & yet be held good by the outward Laws, the further consideration of the Subject is refered to the weighty deliberation & sense of the Committee & Thomas Arnold & Elisha Thornton are appointed to unite with them therein & to make report to our next Meeting

The Subject of the Yearly Meetings School being again opened in this Meeting & the Committees Report considered, the matter is still Refered to our next Meeting and Friends are desired to encourage Subscriptions & returns to be made, that the Meeting may be enabled to begin the School as soon as it may appear useful and best, and the Committee are continued to have the matter Weightily before them, and to make Report of their deliberations on the Subject at our next Meeting & Jonathan Dame, Jacob Mott & Joseph Rogers are Added to them

This Meeting Adjourns to the 7th Day after the last fifth day in the 2nd Mo. at Providence at the 10th Hour

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 1st of 3rd Mo. 1783

Present Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Samuell Smith, Thos. Arnold, Daniel Howland, Junr. Elisha Thornton, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold & Thomas Ashburn

The matter of the securities of our Meeting Houses & Land being again opened and a form of a Deed & declaration of trust being laid before this Meeting which after being Read & weightily considered was mostly satisfactory yet it being a matter of consequence and this Meeting but small, the same is recommitted to the same Committee for further Consideration & they are desired to attend to the Subject & get such further Counsel respecting the Legality thereof as may tend to establish the form in the minds of those not of our Society, as well as of Friends & make Report in Writing to our next Meeting ——

The Committee on the Subject of the School not being prepared to Report at this Time are desired to attend to the service & Report at our next Meeting if ready; but if not then ready they are desired to do it at our first Meeting after.

The Meeting Adjourns to the Fifth Hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment.

Several matters were taken under consideration & some Advice given in Respect to Collecting the Rents due for Friends Land on Rhode Island ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at E. Greenwich ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich y^e 12^th^ of y^e 1^st^ Mo. 1783 ——

Present, Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Sam^l^ Smith, Daniel Rowland jun^r^, Tho^s^ Arnold, Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Thornton, Joseph Rogers & Silas Brown

This Meeting Adjourns to the Fourth Hour this afternoon ——

Met by Adjournment

The Committee in the Case of the Securities of the Meeting Houses & Lands not being fully ready to Report, they are desired to do it at our next Meeting agreable to the Minute of last Meeting ——

It appears that the Committee on the Subject of the School have paid some attention to the Subject, but the matter not being ripe for this Meetings further conclusion, is still continued under their care, they to Report to our next Meeting if ready, if not then to the Meeting after ——

The Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia which was laid before our Meeting in last Month hath been again Read in this Meeting to Satisfaction & the same is directed to be Recorded, and is as follows ——

To the Meeting for Sufferings for New England

Dear Friends

Much of our Time & attention having been employed in Business of an exercising nature, with which we believe you are not wholly unacquainted, & we may hereafter more fully inform you of, has in some measure prevented a more early acknowledgement of the Receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 13th of 5th Mo. last which was produced & Read in our Meeting held in the Month following, to our Satisfaction ——

The dark tempestuous effects of human Policy, in contending for Power, having mightily agitated the Spirits of the People, as a troubled Sea, & occasioned much overturning & great distress; whence, however little Sign of humiliation may be visible in the general, yet there is cause to hope that, through the Secret direction of divine Wisdom & goodness, a Number are & may be awakened to an enquiry after the way of peace; many of whom are looking towards Friends from whose Example as well as Doctrine they seem to expect some light and encouragement therein; seeing the happy effects of the blessed inward self denying Principle whereon we Profess to depend for Preservation & guidance, evidenced in the meekness, Wisdom & circumspect Walking of some faithful Brethren amongst us; as well as beholding the Grossness & miserable Fruits of a Spirit opposite thereto —— Here is a call to those who are sensibly under the influence of the pure Principle of good will to Men, to Labour in the Lords Service, in a degree of humble hope they may be favoured to be instrumental in ministring a little Food to those hungry seeking Souls —— Under a measure of a Sense whereof this Meeting has had under Solid consideration the Benefit that may accrue from being religiously attentive to the Occasion, and endeavouring to promote amongst Men the Prosperity of the cause of Piety & virtue; by Spreading Instructive, religious Books in those places where they may not only be much needed, but received with gladness, both among Members of our own Society & others, particularly in some remote parts —— To which end we have appointed a Committee to inspect what Pieces suited to the Service are on Hand, & consider what other Writings of Friends may be usefully republished to Answer the purpose in

in View, Who having attended to the Service, now Report, "they have engaged
" therein, and find there are a Number of small Pieces, the Works of valuable
" Friends, which are well approved, & have been found useful, a Republication
" & judicious Distribution whereof they think would be seasonable & might,
" through the Divine Blessing, be of extensive Benefit — The following,
" they inform, that the Printer will republish on his own Account, on ly
" requesting this Meeting will recommend them to the Notice of Friends
" to purchase" — viz.t

"Memoirs of the life &c. of James Gough, late of Dublin Deceas'd. Some
" Account of the Life & Gospel Labours of William Rickell. — Journal of the
" Life & Travels of John Richardson" — Which it is the mind of the Meeting
" he may be encouraged to do, and the Committee are desired to proceed in
" forwarding the Reprinting such of those other Pieces which are under their
" notice, & have been mentioned at this Time, as they can unite in judgment
" may be profitably dispersed, for the advancement of Truth & Righteousness."

Not doubting your chearfully Uniting in the concern, & that you will find Occasion of affording your Brotherly Aid therein, we therefore communicate it, as agreeable to the nature & design of our Appointment, & of our Christian Correspondence —

A great need there is for exercised, active Members of the Church to be watchful unto Prayer; that they may be preserved in true Singleness of Heart, bowed to the Rod, & kept on the solid ground of Truth, in the unaffected plainness of true Gospel Simplicity; that they may be favoured with the Spirit of judgment & right discerning, to distinguish clearly between the voice & leadings of the true Shepherd & the Subtle Transformations & imitations of the strange Spirit, which seeks to Captivate with Novelties in the likeness of Heavenly things, & to bring the Superficial into disorder & Ranterism — May an holy care be cherished, to guard against that which exalts above measure with the apprehended abundance of Revelation; that when tempted to build Tabernacles in these heights, we may instructively bear in mind the heavenly Monition conveyed in the Voice from the excellent Glory! "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him."

In near affection we Salute you & are
Your Friends & Brethren

Signed by direction & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania & new Jersey the 19 day of 1st 12th Mo. 1782

John Drinker Clerk

For an Answer to which our Friends Thomas Arnold, Daniel Howland Junr and Moses Brown are appointed to make an Essay & lay the same before our next Meeting; And Moses Brown is desired to Write for two Hundred of the Life of James Gough & two Hundred of the Life of William Ricket with such and as many of the Pamphlets mentioned as the Committee for Answering the Epistle may think necessary, upon their Inspection into their Contents, & when he know the Cost, to acquaint the several Monthly Meetings that such Friends that want may be Supply'd therewith —

This Meeting Adjourns to the Second second day in the Fifth Month at the 10th Hour at Providence —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of th 5th Mo. 1793 — Present,

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Thos. Aldrich Isaac Lawton, Benjamin Arnold, Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Howland Junr, Moses Brown Thomas Lapham, David Buffum & Thomas Arnold —

The Committee for making an Essay for an Answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia produced one to this Meeting, which being read & considered is referd for consideration to the Adjournment at the third Hour this afternoon — Met by Adjournment —

The Epistle to Philadelphia, being again Read, the same with some alterations is approved of & is as follows —

To the Meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia —

Dear Friends — We received your acceptable Epistle of the 19th of the 12th Mo. last, which was Read in our Meeting in the 1st Mo. to our Satisfaction — We are sensible that a large share of exercise & labour, during the Chastisements which this Country has suffered by means of Tempestuous & violent Spirits, has fallen to your Lot, in which we trust you have had the Sympathy & fellow Travail

Travail of the Brethren in these parts & in due time as they are rightly received, We doubt not you will measurably experience relief; for, those who are made use of as Instruments of Wrath, have but their day & shall not prevail when the peaceful influence of the Sun of Righteousness shall fully have Dominion.

Whilst we lament that more general Signs of humiliation, repentance & restoration of Gospel power, have not been the happy effects of this afflicting Dispensation, which can only rebuild the waste places and restore Zion to her primitive beauty; We unite with you in embracing the opportunities afforded of administring such helps & encouragements as we may be enabled to those who are called out of darkness, and have given some attention to the Heavenly Voice — And altho we believe a circumspect & careful Walking, before such, according to the ability received will be the most effectual means in our power, to bring them to a Submission to the Operation of divine Truth upon their minds & Subjection to the Cross; Yet we approve of your concern to re-publish a number of religious Tracts, for the benefit of such, and in a particular manner those who may be uninformed of our Principles, or Remote from Friends — We have therefore desired our Friend Moses Brown to Write for 200 of the life of James Gough & Wm. Rickett; reserving our further direction for the future, untile a more General Meeting of our Members, or until the Yearly Meeting, this Meeting being but small —

We have thought it an approvable freedom to send Copies of the last Paragraph of Your Epistle, to the several Monthly Meetings in our Yearly Meeting, apprehending a Usefulness therein & desiring a continued care & circumspection in Example in all & particularly in those who have been favoured with clear discerning & true sight that so every good attempt towards Reformation may have its desired Effect —

We affectionately Salute You & Conclude your Friends & Brethren.

Signed by direction & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 12th of the 5th Mo. 1783 —

The Committee to consider of the Securities of our Meeting House Lands &c
made Report, which is accepted and is as follows ——

We of the Committee appointed to Consider of our Titles to our Meeting House Lands, Burying Grounds &c

have several times had that matter under our consideration, and Propose the form of Security herewith presented to be Adopted & made Use of in all Cases of new Purchase or where the Circumstances make it Necessary for the old Securities to be Renewed —— It being in our Judgment the most Uniform Mode which We have been able to discover ——

Benjamin Arnold
Thos Hazard
Thos Lapham
Thos Arnold

12th 5th Mo. 1783
To the Meeting for Sufferings
Now Sitting ——

Our Friends Thos Arnold & Moses Brown are appointed to take the Form now presented, & procure 300 Copys of Blank Deeds made from it & the Short Printed form of blanks now laid before this Meeting & when accomplish'd to be sent down to each Monthly Meeting with the directions to Friends to make Use of, as the above Repr Expresses ——

An Account of Sufferings from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in the 5th Mo. 1782 was Read in this Meeting, approved & directed to be Recorded ——

An Account of Sufferings from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the 11th Mo. last was Read in this Meeting, approved & Ordered to be Recorded ——

Our Friends Jacob Mott & Joseph Mitchell are Appointed to take the Necessary care for the Accommodation of Friends at the Yearly Meeting, to call on Suitable Friends at Rhode Island for Assistance, and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for Money & to Conduct the

the Matter according to the direction of the Committee for
this Service Last Year, they to Report to this Meeting, after the
Yearly Meeting, as soon as may be —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 6th Hour to Morrow
Morning —

Met by Adjournment —

Several matters of information & Advice appearing
Necessary to Communicate to the Several Monthly
Meetings, the same was inserted in an Epistle to be Signed
& forwarded by the Clerk, as follows Viz: —

Dear Friends —

Having Received an Epistle from our
Brethren of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Philadelphia the 19th of the
12th Mo. last, which containing weighty & Seasonable advice, worthy to
be communicated to all our Meetings, We now send you a Paragraph
of it, and desire a Practical observance thereof, as follows Viz: —

"Great need there is for exercised & Live Members of the Church
to be watchful unto Prayer; that they may be preserved in true Single-
ness of heart, bowed to the Root & kept on the Solid ground of Truth,
in the unaffected plainness of true Gospel Simplicity, that they may
be favoured with the Spirit of judgment & right discerning, to distin-
guish clearly between the voice & leadings of the True Shepherd, and
the subtle transformations & imitations of the Strange Spirit, which
Seeks to Captivate with Novelties in the likeness of Heavenly things,
betraying the Superficial into disorder & Kanterism — May an
holy care be cherished, to guard against that which exalts above Measure,
with the apprehended abundance of Revelation that when tempted to build
Tabernacles in those heights, we may instructively bear in mind the Heavenly
Monition, conveyed in the voice from the excellent Glory! "This is my beloved
Son in whom I am pleased hear ye him." They also inform, that they have Re-
printed the Journals of our Valuable Friends Wm. Rickett & James Gough, bound
together, of which this Meeting have Directed 200 to be Sent for & we recommend
to Such Friends as are desirous of Purchasing them or John Griffiths Journals,
of which there are a Number on Hand, to send up their Subscriptions to the
Treasurer of this Meeting, as soon as may be, the Price will be 4/ Lawful

Lawful Mony for Wm. Ricketts & James Coughs £6/8/ for John Griffiths — We may also inform You, that as the obstruction to a free Importation of Bibles is now happily removed, & it being apprehended by many Friends, may get them easier nearer home, than to have them from hence; This Meeting have concluded not to do any thing further in that matter unless any one, or more Monthly Meetings, should incline to collect the Mony & send up for any number, in which case, this Meeting will do their endeavours to procure them on the best Terms they can, & forward as soon as may be after they can be imported or purchased —

— We have also to inform you that we have agreed upon a form of a Deed for our Meeting House, Lots &c —

And have directed a Number of Blanks to be Printed and sent down as soon as may be, to be made use of in all Cases of new Purchases, or where the circumstances make it necessary for the Old Securities to be renewed —

And dear Friends, as many Friends have manifested a Conscientious Scruple against the payment of mixed Taxes, a part whereof went for the Support of War, which Subject having been weightily before this Meeting, with desires that our peaceable Testimony against War & Fighting may not be reproached, by any inconsiderate change of Conduct, of any of our Members with the change of Publick affairs —

It is therefore tenderly recommended to all Friends, to keep an Eye Single to that Light, which has been & will remain to be a guide to the faithful through all Straits, & will preserve if attended to in a Conduct consistent with its own divine Openings —

— In Brotherly love We Salute You & Conclude your Friends & Brethren —

Signed in behalf & by direction of the said Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th & 13th of the 5th Mo. 1783 —

By — Moses Brown Clk

N.B. This Meeting is Adjourned to the 4th day before the Yearly Meeting at Portsmouth at the 10th Hour —

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Compared by M B.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 11th of the 6th Mo. 1783. Present

Thomas Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, George Comestock, Thomas Aldrich, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Dame, Samuel Collins, Thomas Arnold, David Buffum, Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Lapham, Jethro Mitchell, Moses Brown, Our Friends, Robert Sisson on a Religious Visit from East Hoosuck, Richard Jeffrys from Rockaway on Long Island with his Companion Edmund Prior, also attending this time, and Jeremiah Hacker

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield having laid before us a Manuscript on the Subject of the Use of the Plain Language with propriety and left the Disposal thereof to this Meeting, and We having Unity with the Concern of that Meeting therein, Do appoint Our Friends Joseph Mitchell Samuel Smith, Isaac Lawton, Jonathan Dame & Jeremiah Hacker, to take the said Manuscript and make such Amendments thereon as may appear best, and to Consider of the Manner of proceeding the Concern most Usefully; and make report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Meeting Ajourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment.

The Committee on the Subject of the Manuscript Reports, that they had Conferd thereon, but the time did not admit of their Effecting any thing conclusive to Report thereon, Whereupon this Meeting refers that Matter to the Adjournment of the yearly Meeting, if they shall think proper to give any, by their Committee or Otherwise, and if not, to the next Meeting for Sufferings, to make such Amendments and dispose of the Manuscript, as they may think proper.

The Committee to procure the Deed Printed Report, that they have procured 300 Copys, the Amount thereof being £3. 15/ the yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay, and the Committee are directed to proportion and Send them to the several Monthly Meetings according to the Number of Meeting Houses in each.

The Committee on the School Report that divers of

of them had mett, but the Whole not being together and nothing new Appearing to them to report at present, they are Continued and desired to Attend to that matter and Make Report at a future meeting.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting having presented an Act of sufferings, which being read and Approved in this meeting, the Clerk is Directed to Record the same.

The further direction about the Books Reprinting at Philadelphia as mentiond in Epistle to the Meeting for sufferings there, is referd to the next Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to lay the proceedings of this Meeting the year past, before the yearly Meeting as soon as Convinient, and this Meeting Adjourns to the Conclusion of the yearly Meeting.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at the close of the yearly Meting by Adjournment. 1783

Present all the Members Except One

The Meeting Adjourns to the 3 day before the 2d 6th day in the 7th mo at the 10th hour at Providence.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th of the 7th mo 1783

Present:

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Thomas Aldrich Isaac Lawton Joseph Mitchell, Abner Potter Moses Brown Daniel Howland Thomas Arnold, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum Elisha Thornton.

Thomas Arnold is Appointed Clerk of this Meeting for the Year Ensuing.

The Friends who were desired to proportion the Blanks for Securities of our Meeting houses &c Inform they have proportioned the same & that they Are forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

The Manuscript upon the Subject of the Plain Language coming Again under Consideration of this Meeting, Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton, Daniel Rowland Jun: Joseph Mitchell Elisha Thornton & Thomas Arnold, Are Appointed to examine the same & to make such Alterations & corrections As in their Judgment will render it most likely to be useful Among Friends And Report their proceedings to Our Next meeting.—

The matter of the Yearly Meetings Schools being Opened in this Meeting; And it Appearing Necessary to come to a Conclusion in Respect to Erecting the same with the present Donation or not. & Also if opened to Consider of the most suitable place: Which as it is An Interesting Matter to the whole, is proper to be considered of by A committee of at least one from every Monthly Meeting in the Yearly Meeting. Whereupon Jeremiah Hacker, Samuel Collins, Jethro Mitchell Joshua Folsom, Levi Hunt, Sands Wing, Abner Potter Are Appointed in addition to the former Committee to consider of the same: And in Order to be more fully Acquainted with the Circumstances, & ripe in Judgment Each Monthly Meeting is desired to forward by them An Account of such Subscriptions as are or shall then be made within the Verge of said Meeting for the Schools; And they Are desired to give their Attendance upon this Matter At our Next meeting, which is concluded to be held at Lyn on second day the 15th of the 9th mo: next at the 10th hour And the Clerk is desired to forward A Copy of this Minute to each one of the Comtee who Are desired to Lay the same before their Respective Monthly Meetings.—

The Matter Respecting the Books Reprinting at Philadelphia is referd to our Next Meeting.—

This Meeting Adjourns to the 15th of the 9th mo: at Lyn to meet At the Usual hour.—

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Lyn by Adjournment the 15th of the 9th mo: 1783.—

Present.—

Present Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton
Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Samuel Smith
Benjamin Arnold, Joshua Folsome, Jonathan Dane, Samuel Collins
David Buffum, George Comstock, Joseph Rogers, Daniel Howland Jr.
Levi Hunt, Nathan Breed, Paul Wing, Thomas Arnold.

The Comtee Appointed to Examine & correct the Manuscript
in Respect to the Plain Language, Report that they have done
it And Laid the Same before this Meeting, which is Approved & this
Meeting have Unity with the same being printed.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 4th hour this Afternoon.
Met by adjournment.

The Comtee Appointed to consider of
opening the Yearly Meetings Schools, all except three who are Absent
Made Report as follows "We of the Comtee Appointed to consider of
Opening the Yearly Meeting's Schools Report that we have Attended to
the Subject Matter And their Appears the Sum of £107.0.0 Subscribed
for the present Year, which together with the Interest of the money Sub
-scribed for the Fund will Amount to £134.10.0 for the first Year
which Sum we think Sufficient to attempt Opening the Schools with.
But as we are not at this Time Sufficiently acquainted with the
advantages of the several places proposed for consideration to Determine
the same, We propose to the Meeting for Sufferings to refer that matter
until their Next Meeting, & that a suitable Comtee in the Mean time
be Appointed to Make Enquiry into the price for which Board may be
had at the following places, viz, The Neighbourhood of Providence,
Portsmouth, Greenwich ~~& Lynn~~ Smithfield & Lynn, & also if a
Suitable Master can be had at either or all of those places, & his Terms;
As also such other advantages & disadvantages, as may Attend
the same.
Lynn 15th 9th mo: 1783

To the Meeting for Sufferings Now Sitting

Signed in behalf & by order of all the Comtee Except
three who are ~~absent~~ not present

by Thomas Arnold

Which Report is Accepted & agreable to the proposition
therein Our Friends Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Joseph Mitchell
Daniel Howland & Nathan Breed Are Appointed to make the
Several places as therein Mentioned And make Report to the beforementioned
Comtee At our Next meeting, who Are Still continued to have Charge of
Determining the place for the School to begin At, And to Report to this
Meting as soon As may be. —

This Meting Adjourns to the 7th hour tomorrow. —

16th day Met by Adjournment. —

The Members All present who were present Yesterday Except
Samuel Smith, who is unwell. — Having considered Upon the
Matters before this Meting, which being of Weight, & the time of
the Select Meting drawing Nigh this Meting Adjourns to the 7th
hour tomorrow morning. —

17th day Met by Adjournment. — The Members all present & more present
Yesterday. — A Copy of A Petition to the General Court of Massachusetts
Bay Signed by Timothy Davis, Geo. Allen, Nicholas Davis & Joseph Talbot,
in behalf of themselves & other persons heretofore disowned by Friends, Complaining
of Friends Conduct in disowning them, & claiming A part of Friends Meting
house & Lands Appropriated for publick Uses, together with A Vote of the General
Court concerning the Same, was laid before this Meeting; Which Petition Ap-
-pearing to Contain Several Representations Injurious to Friends, this Meting
Esteems it Necessary to Make Special Enquiry into the Manner & circum-
-Stances of their being disowned by the Several Monthly Meetings to which they
Belonged, And to draw up A True & circumstantial Account thereof; And
Also to prepare A proper Representation thereof in Order to be laid before
the Said General Court if it should Appear Necessary; Whereupon
Our Friends Moses Brown, Joseph Rogers, Samuel Smith, Isaac Lawton
George Comstock & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed for Said Service;
Who Are Also desired to Attend the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich Next
& to propose to said ~~conduc~~ Meeting to Appoint A Suitable Comtee to give the
Necessary Information respecting that Matter to them, or to this Meting if
thought

Thought Necessary, & to Report to our Next Meeting.

The Matter of procuring A further Number of Books from Philadelphia is Again Continued.

This Meeting adjourns to Seventh day at the Joining of the Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich, to be held at long plane the 4th of Next month.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Long plane the 4th of the 10mo. 1783. This Meeting Met According to adjournment & Time being Past spent adjourned to the 9th hour On 2d day Next in the Morning to Meet at this Place —

At A Meeting for Sufferings held at long plane by Adjournmt. the 6th of the 10th mo. 1783. — Present.

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Benjamin Almond, Thomas Aldrich Jethro Mitchell, Samuel Collins, Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt, Paul Wing, Abner Potter, Nathan Breed, Samuel Smith, Isaac Lawton Moses Brown & Thomas Arnold. — The Comtee to Consider of the most proper place to open the Yearly Meetings, Made Report in Writing which is Accepted & is As follows. —

" We of the Comtee Appointed to consider of the Sum Necessary & of the most
"Advantageous place for Opening the Yearly Meetings Schools, have met again
"Upon that Matter, & have Received Accounts from Each of the Comtee
"Appointed to Enquire into the Several Advantages & Disadvantages
"Attending the places proposed Except from Portsmouth, from Which
"We have Rec.d No Account by reason of the Friend Appointed for that
"Service being Absent from home. We therefore refer it to the Meeting
" for Sufferings, whether it may be their sense to Conclude Upon A plan
" for the present Year with the Information already Obtained or to
" wait for Accounts from Portsmouth. If it is their Sense to Conclude
" At this Time We then Report, considering All circumstances that it
" is our Judgment from the Accounts Rec.d that the Schools may be opened
" Under the most Advantage within the Verge of Smithfield Monthly
" Meeting. And propose Elisha Thornton for the Master

" Me being Informed he is Willing to Undertake the Trust for
"the Sum of Sixty pounds a Year he finding A Room to keep the Schoo
"in; Also that Bord may be had At the price of 4/ Week for Children
"Under fourteen Years of Age And 4/6 for those Abov for the Number
"of fourty Scholars within A reasonable distance. — All which we
"Submit to the Meeting for Sufferings, Signed by Order & in behalf
"of the Whole Comtee Except three" — by. Thos Hazard

Nevertheless this Meeting taking into Consideration that no Amount has been Recd from Portsmouth, conclude to Defer Opening the Same Until some Answ may be had from thence, Apprehending the School may be Opened At Portsmouth to as good or better Advantage than Any other place proposed, provided Rhode Island Monthly Meeting can see their way clear to Appropriate A suitable part of the Meetings Interest then to the Maintenance of said School And Our Friends Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Samuel Smith Benjamin Arnold, Abner Potter & Thomas Arnold Are desired to Use such Means, by Applying to that Monthly Meeting or Otherwise As to them May Appear Necessary & proper to Open the Way thereto & report to Our Next Meeting. — And Jacob Mott is de-sired to Assist Joseph Mitchell in Making the Enquiry for which he was Appointed At last Meeting & make Report to the Next Sitting of this Meeting. — The Comtee Appointed to Make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Denial of Sundry persons &c Inform they have paid some Attention to that Service & Made some Collections in Order towards A State of the Case, but Not having Accomplished that Service Are still Continued for that purpose & to Report when Accomplished. —

It appearing Necessary that some general Advice be given Respecting What copies from Our Records such who have been heretofore Members of our Society may reasonably Expect to be furnished with This meeting gives it as their Sense & Judgment that it may be Advisable for Any monthly Meeting to direct their Clerk, upon Application of Any person heretofore A Member of our Society, or their

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Surviving Friends, Relations or Others, To give Copies of their Denials, Marriage Certificates, of the Births & deaths of their Children or Friends; And of any other Minutes Necessary for Ascertaining their Rights, upon the same reasonable Terms as the like Copies are or would be granted to members of our Society. —

The Revising our discipline having been Recommended to the Care & Attention of this Meeting by the Last Yearly Meeting & now coming under Consideration Moses Brown & Thomas Arnold are Appointed to procure such Copies of the late digest of the Discipline of our Friends in Old England, & of the Western Yearly Meetings upon this Continent As they May think Necessary & such other helps & materials as they may be able to Obtain & shall judge Necessary & useful in Order to the Accomplishing that work. And to make Report to this Meeting from time to time of their progress therein

Part of the Comtee Appointed last Year to Visit Sandwich Monthly Meeting, & long plane & Rochester Particular Meeting Report that they have Visited them; & the Friends At Rochester are yet Interrupted by those who Attend A Seperate Meeting held then part of the time of Friends; Yet at Sandwich Quarterly have that Matter Under their Care by Comtee Appointed for that purpose The Comtee Appointed by this Meeting Are Dismissed from that Service. —

The Matter of the Books printing At Philadelphia is again Referd. — This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Next to be held At Portsmouth. the 28th Instant.

At the Close of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting at Portsmouth the 28th 10th mo. 1783 the day being far Spent this Meeting for Sufferings conclude to Meet at this Place tomorrow Morning At the 10th hour

29th day Met Accordingly ——— Present

Thomas Hazzard, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Samuel Smith Abner Potter & Thomas Arnold. ——— This Meeting having conferd with a Comtee from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Respecting the Yearly Meetings Schools, & considered of Some

some other Matters, Adjourn to the the Conclusion of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to be held at Newport Tomorrow. —

30th day Met by Adjournment, At the Conclusion of R. Island Monthly Meeting & the Day being far gone, Adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow Morning. —

31st day Met According to Adjournment present the same Members As on the 29th. The Comtee Appointed to enquire into the price of Bord, & other Circumstances respecting the Opening of the Yearly Meeting's School At Portsmouth Report That they find the Number of Thirty Scholars May be Boarded within One Mile of the Meeting house At the price of 4/6 for those Under fourteen years of Age and 5/ for those Older, that they have Made Inquiry for A Master, but No Suitable person at Present Appears to keep the School then, that the price of Wood is at present very high As much as 25/6 dell. at the place, but may probably be had considerably lower in future. —

The Comtee Appointed to Use such means as to them should Appear Necessary & proper in Order to Open the way for Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to Appropriate A suitable part of their Interest to the Support the Yearly Meeting's School, Report That they have Attended Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Upon that Service, & that the same was taken Under Consideration of that Meeting as business, & a large Comtee was Appointed to Consider of that matter & to make Report what they think best for the Monthly Meeting to do in that Respect to An Adjournment of said Meeting, Whereupon this Meeting's said Comtee is dismiss'd. & Jacob Mott & Isaac Lawton Are desired to Collect the Conclusion of said Monthly Meeting respecting the same & Lay before Our Next Meeting, to Which time the Opening the School is Again Deferd. And in Order to be in as much forwardness for Opening the School As present Circumstances will Admit of. Our Friends Thomas Hazard, David Buffum, Moses Brown Samuel Smith & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to Consider of such Rules & Regulations as may be proper for this Meeting to adopt.

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Adopt for the Government of said Schollars, as well as for the Admission of Schollars, & also to Consider of & Propose such Books as may be Useful & necessary soon to be procured for the Schollars besides the Common School Books, they are Also Injoined to Consider & Report which & how many of the Books Lately printed by Friends in Philadelphia may be Sent for this Meeting to Send for. & Report to the Next Sitting of this Meeting.

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Second day before the Last fifth day in Next Month At Providence at the Usual hour. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence by Adjournment the 24th 11mo 1783. Present.

Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Samuel Smith, Abner Fitch, Levi Hunt, Thomas Hazzard, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Arnold & Benjamin Arnold.

Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott Made Report to this Meeting that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting have concluded to give for the Use of the Yearly Meetings School for so long time as the Same Shall be Kept Up on Portsmouth, the Income of such a part of their Interest then As would Amount to Sixty pounds a Year, Together with the rents now due Upon the Same; And presented a List of such Lotts of Land as they had Concluded to Appropriate to that purpose Together with the Yearly Rents & Sums Now due & in Arrear, & most of the persons Names Now possessing the Same The Annual Rents of which Lotts Appearing Upon Examination to be Unequal to the Difference of the price of Board Should the School be full: And if the payment of the Rents of Considerable part of them prove Doubtfull, it will render the Maintainance of the School Measurably Uncertain: Whereupon the Sufferings further Consideration of Placing the School is Referd to Our Next Meeting & in the Mean time Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is

Desired

Requested to inform this Meeting how the gift of the Back Rents is Intended, whether to be an Absolute Donation to the Use of the Schools, or Only to be made Use of in case it be set up at Portsmouth Or Only the Interest thereof for so long time As the Same Shall be Continued there. — Also to Ascertain to this Meeting, as Near As may be, the Amount of the Back Rents which can be collected for the Use of the School at present; And also how much of the Rents in future will probably be Collected Yearly. —
And Isaac Lawton & Jacob Mott Are Appointed to lay this Minute before that monthly Meeting for their further Consideration, & to report their doings thereon, if any, to Our Next Meeting for Sufferings. — This Meeting Adjourns to the 3 hour this Afternoon

Met by Adjournment. — Remember all present as in the Morning Except Thomas Lapham

The Comtee Appointed to Consider of & prepare a Set of Rules & Regulations in Order for Establishing the Yearly Meetings School &c Not having prepared Any to lay before this Meeting, that Matter is Referd Under their Care to Our Next Meeting they then to Report. —

The Yearly Meeting At their Annual Assembly in the Year 1776 having Appointed a Comtee to Solicit the General Assembly of Rhode Island that Such Laws might be made As Would Tend to the Abolition of Slavery &c. Some of Which Comtee Are Not now living, & the Subject matter of their Appointment Coming Weightily before this Meeting Our Friends David Buffum Thomas Worth, Samuel Smith & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to Join Such of the Yearly Meeting's Comtee As Are Now living in the Aforesaid Service Who Are Desired to Move Again for Such a Law or Laws to be passed as may Tend to the Entire Abolition of Slavery. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting to be held At Swansey in the first month Next to meet at Swansey.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held At Swansey the 9th of the 1mo 1784 — Present Thos Hazard Jane Slocum Benja Arnold Isaac Lawton, Samuel Smith, David Buffum

Elisha Thornton Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt Abner Potter
Thomas Lapham & Moses Brown.

The Quarterly Meeting sitting untill Near Night, the Meeting Adjourns to tomorrow Morning at the 9th hours.

10th day Met by Adjournment the Members that attended Yesterday being all present. The Clerk being Absent Moses Brown is Appointed Clerk for this time.

The Comtee in Charge of the Minute of Last ~~Month~~ Month Respecting the School Report that One of them also had the Minute being ~~Absent~~ On Appointment of this Meeting to Attend the Assembly, did not Get home timely to attend the Monthly Meeting, Wherefore that Matter is Refer'd to the Care of the Same Comtee they to Report to Our Next Meeting.

One of the Comtee Appointed to Join the Yearly Meetings Comtee in Soliciting the Assembly of the State of Rhode Island in Regard to the Abolishing of Slavery, Reported that Three of them Visited with that Comtee in presenting a Petition to that Assembly, who have taken Up the Subject & Ordered an Act which was prepared by them & Agreed to by the Assembly's Comtee to be published for Consideration & to be Acted Upon at the Next Session whereupon they are Admonished to Unite their Endeavours with the Yearly Meetings Comtee in having the Same passed or Such other Act or Acts as may Effect the desirable End proposed, & make Report to this Meeting from time to time their proceedings therein.

The Comtee to prepare the School Regulations Reported An Copy which being read up in this Meeting are Recommitted to the said Comtee for their revisal & completion to be Reported at next meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Last Second day of Next month then to meet at Providence at the 10th hour

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 23d 2mo 1784. present.

Thomas Hazard, Thos. Rotch Isaac Lawton

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Jacob Mott, Moses Brown Thos. Lapsham Benj.a Arnold David
Buffum George Comstock, Samuel Smith Levi Hunt Daniel
Howland Jn.o Thomas Arnold &c.

Our Friends Jacob Mott & Isaac Lawton laid
before this Meeting a Minute of Rhode Island Monthly
Meeting as follows — "Extract from the Minutes of Rhod-
"Island Mo.l Meeting held at Newport y.e 27. of the 1.st Mo.l 1784.

The Meeting for Sufferings having requested an Explanation
of a Clause in a Minute of this Mtg.e in the 11.th Mo.l last it is thought
the Conclusion of this Meeting that the rents which Are due upon
such Lotts as Are Set apart for the purpose of Raising a
Sum of Money for the Support of the Yearly meetings School —
be considered As an Unconditional Donation given by this Meeting
for the Benefit of s.d School When Opened at Portsmouth on
Rhode Island, & the Clerk is directed to Send a Copy of this
Minute to the Meeting for Sufferings Accordingly. —

Compared by Clerk Rodman Clerk of
P.d Mo.l meet.g

Which being Considered, it is the Sense & Judgment of this
Mtg.e that the School be Set up on Portsmouth as soon as
suitable preparations can be Conveniently Made provided
A Suitable person can be found to undertake the Care of the School
Provided also that a Satisfactory Method be Agreed upon to
convey the right of Managem.t of said Lotts to Such as may be
Appointed for the Use of the School. — Which being Considered
It is the Sense & Judgment of this Meeting that the School
be Set up on Portsmouth As soon As Suitable preparations
can be Conveniently Made provided A Suitable person can be
found to Undertake the Care of the School, provided Also that
A Satisfactory Method be agreed Upon to Convey the right
of Management of s.d Lotts to Such As may be Appointed for
the Use of the School. — As it will be a Matter of Consequence to
get Such Lotts As Are Now Vacant - Under Improvement —
And Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Are desired to appoint
A Committee Committee of this Meeting to Consider of the

Most proper Method of conveying the same And
Daniel Howland Jun.r Moses Brown Thos. Hazard
Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to Confer with said Comtee
When Appointed, & Endeavour to Agree with them Upon
the most Effectual Method to Manage the Same to the
Intent & Advantage of the School, & Make Report
to Our Next Meeting for Sufferings if Accomplished, if
Not as Soon as Accomplished. —

The Matter of the School regulations & the Books
printing at Philadelphia is refered to Next Meeting

This Meeting Rec.d An Epistle from the Meeting for
Sufferings in Philadelphia the 20th Inst. 1783 covering an
Address from the Yearly Meeting then to Congress
Which Was Read in this Meeting to Satisfaction. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the
Quarterly Meeting Next to be held at Greenwich.

At the Close of the Quarterly meeting at Greenwich
the 9.th of the 4.th mo. 1784 The Members of the Meeting for
Sufferings then present Agreed to Adjourn to the Next
day at the 9.th hour in the Morning.

10.th day Met Accordingly — Present.
Thomas Hazard Thomas Aldrich Isaac Lawton
Jacob Mott Joseph Nicholls Moses Brown David Buffum
Benj.a Arnold George Comstock Samuel Smith Abner Otter
Levi Hunt Dan.l Howland Jr. Thomas Arnold

The Comtee Appointed at last meeting to treat with
a Comtee of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Respecting
that Meeting, Offer of a Donation to the Quarterly Meet.g
School Not having Accomplished that Service & Thos.
Hazard & Moses Brown Desiring to be dismissed
therefrom, they Are dismissed, & Samuel Smith George
Comstock & David Buffum Are added to said Comtee
Who Are to make Report to Our next Meeting

The Comtee to Consider how many books printing at Philadelphia
is best for this Meeting to send for Reported.

of Penn's Exhortation 300
of Wm Penn & Rob. Barclay } 100
& Joseph. Pike }
Epistles to the South of Norwich 200 -
Primitive Testimony &c. signed by A. Atwell. - 200

Which is Accepted & our Friends Moses Brown is directed to send for the foregoing books on Acct of this Meeting. —

And the matter of the School Rules is Again referred under the Care of the Same Comtee

This Meeting having Rec'd An Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia at our Last Setting, & it being Now Again read to good Satisfaction Moses Brown Wm. Rotch & Thomas Arnold are Appointed to prepare an ~~Answer~~ Essay of An Answer to the Same giving Such Account of Our late Application to the Legislature of this State Respecting here & the Slave Trade & the Success it met with, as to them Appears proper & Lay before our Next meeting. —

Our Friends Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott & Joseph Mitchell with the Assistance of the Comtee Appointed to meet a Comtee of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting the School Are Appointed to procure the Necessary Provision of Partum & Entertainment for Friends for holding the Ensuing Yearly Meeting, & Friends As requested by them are desired to yield them Such Assistance As the Case may require & lay the Expense before Apuetum Meeting for Sufferings, & the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to furnish them with such sums of Money as they May think Necessary, & in Case he has no money in the treasury he is hereby directed to borrow the Same —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 4th day before the Yearly Meeting at Portsmouth at the 2d hour Afternoon

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 9th of the 6mo. 1784. Present Thomas Hazard Benj.a Seaton Jacob Mott Isaac Lawton, Joshua Folsom Sam.l Smith Jethro Mitchell Jonathan Dame Jeremiah Hacker, Joseph Rogers Henry Potter George Comstock John Tabor Levi Hunt Moses Brown Thos. Arnold. —— One of the Comtee to confer with a Comtee of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting's Offer of a Donation to the Yearly Meetings School Reported that three of the Comtee had attended Rhode Island monthly Meeting, conferred with the Trustees & others respecting that Service & that no way Opening at that time to Accomplish the same to Satisfaction it was left for Consideration. That matter is therefore referred under the Care of the same Comtee & next Meeting for Sufferings. — Moses Brown Informed this Meeting that he had wrote for the Books according to Direction of last ——— Meeting for Sufferings, & had Rec.d an Answer by which he Expects to receive them by the next Suitable Conveyance

The Friends who had Charge of preparing an Epistle of Advice pursuant to the Draught thereof with some Corrections which was read in this Meeting & the same is referred to a future sitting of this Meeting; & in the mean time to be laid before the Yearly Meeting, & to be resumed after Epistles from Different parts shall have had an Opportunity to Express their Minds & the Comtee in Charge of the same

The Comtee to prepare an Essay of an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia presented one, which was read & with some Alterations Approved of & directed to be Transcribed Signed by the Clerk & forwarded to them (See this Epistle after) M.S 170

The Comtee Appointed to Collect the Digest of the Discipline of Friends in Old England & this to the Westward Report that they have obtained that from England & that from the Yearly Meeting on Long Island; & that from Pensylvania & New Jersey is now Expected.

It is Concluded to Recommend that the 2d & 3d part of our 8th Query respecting Duties to the King be

Expunged. & Friends Are Desired to avoid Clandestine Trade of Every Kind, & be Careful for Each other in that Respect, until Our Discipline be revised & that query Considered. ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Yearly meeting for Business. ——

At the close of the Yearly Meeting the 14th day ——

The day being far Spent the Meeting for Sufferings adjourn'd to the 10th hour to morrow morning ——

15th day met by adjournment — Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, Jethro Mitchell, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Jeremiah Hacker, George Comstock, Samuel Smith, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt, Joseph Rogers, Nathan Breed, John Tabor, Daniel Rowland Junr. Thomas Arnold ——

The time being expired for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed, Thomas Arnold is appointed Clerk for this time.

This Meeting having Spent some time in conference with a Committee of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, adjourns to the second hour this afternoon ——

Met by adjournment ——

This Meeting understanding that two friends from this Yearly Meeting with proper Certificates for travelling into foreign parts in the Service of truth — not having been provided with the necessary means of defraying the expences of their passage — Friends of a neighbouring yearly Meeting have been under the necessity of advancing the Same for them — Whereupon Moses Brown & Thomas Arnold are directed to receive the Amount thereof when known of the yearly Meetings Treasurer & transmit the Same to those who have advanced it for them ——

This Meeting adjourns to the close of a Meeting for worship appointed to be held at this place at the 4th hour this afternoon ——

At the close of the Meeting for Worship Met by adjournment

This Meeting adjourns to to morrow morning at the 7th hour ——

16th day Met by adjournment ——

This

This meeting having had several conferences with the committee & Trustees of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting a conveyance to empower the Yearly meeting School-Committee to recover the Rents and put such of the Lotts as may be given up or recoverd in a situation of renting again, and they having laid before us an essay of a draught for that purpose, which they inform'd this meeting they designd to lay before the Monthly Meeting before it was Executed, which draught we have taken under consideration and with some alterations approved thereof and Samuel Smith and Joseph Mitchell are directed to lay the same as amended before said Monthly Meeting for their approbation

This Meeting adjourns to the close of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Smithfield upper Meeting-house

At the close of the Quarterly Meeting at Smithfield the 10th of the 7th Mo the Members of the Meeting for Sufferings then present, being much worn agreed to adjourn to the day before Providence Monthly Meeting the 3rd day before the last 5th day in this Mo at Providence, & the Meeting is adjourn'd accordingly

27th of the 7th Mo 1784

The Members of the Meeting for Sufferings present not being sufficient to transact business, conclude to adjourn to the 2nd hour this afternoon

Met by Adjournment

Present, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Levi Hunt & Thomas Arnold

One of the Committee appointed to lay the Conveyance as agreed to by this Meeting in the 6th Mo before Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sent a report in Writing, informing this Meeting they laid the same before that Meeting as directed, but that nothing to effect was then done, since which this Meeting have Rec'd no Answer from said Monthly Meeting respecting said proposed conveyance (Whereupon that matter is refered to our next Meeting); in Order to receive an Answer from that Meeting & the Clerk is directed to endorse them a Copy of this Minute requesting their attention to the matter

This Meeting having received from Philadelphia 100 of Phipps's Original and present State of man 100 of Penns, Barclay & Pikes, 300 Penns tender Counsel, 100 John Holtons reasons to the Methodists, the Clerk is directed to send a Account thereof to the several Monthly Meetings together with the price & place where they may be had. Also that there are on hand a Number of James Goughs, Wm. Rockets & John Griffiths Journals which may also be had by applying for and paying the Cost —

This Meeting adjourns to the second second day in the ninth Month, at the 10th hour at Providence

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 9th Mo. 1784 —

Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, Moses Brown, Samuel Smith, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland Junr. Thomas Lapham, Benja. Arnold, Thomas Arnold —

Thos. Arnold is appointed Clerk for the remainder of this Year beginning at the time of the Yearly Meeting —

This meeting having concluded by a minute made in the 2nd Mo. last at Providence that the Yearly Meeting School be set up in Portsmouth on Rhode Island as soon as Suitable preparation can be mad, and a Suitable person found to keep the School "Provided a Satisfactory " method be agreed upon to convey the Right of management of said " Lotts, to such as may be appointed, for the use of the School"

And an Essay or draught of such conveyance having been proposed to this Meeting, not altogether adequate for the purposes intended, a Copy of a minute of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in answer to the Minute of last Meeting for Sufferings directed to be enclosed to them, intended to supply the deficiency in the aforesaid Conveyance was Rec. and read up in this Meeting as follows —

Whereas

Whereas there was in the 6th Mo last an Essay of a Conveyance Read in this Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings in Order to enable them to recover the Revenue due and arising upon such of the Point Lotts as this Meeting hath concluded to bestow towards the Support of the Yearly Meetings School but not being fully approved, therefore this Meeting in consequence thereof procured & agreed to an Instrument in order to enable them to the like purpose and appointed two Friends to forward the same, but said friends not taking a Copy of the Minute of this Meeting respecting the same, we understand the Meeting for Sufferings did not take Cognizance thereof & said Meeting having since sent us a Copy of a Minute of their meeting requesting our attention to said Matter and this Meeting upon further consideration of said conveyance to enable them to recover as aforesaid find that if the present possessors of said Lotts should neglect the payment of the quit-Rents arising thereon and thereby render it necessary to recover possession thereof and convey them again to other Persons that in such Cases some further provision is necessary to be made; Whereupon this Meeting directs the Trustees who now hold said Lotts in behalf of this Meeting and those who may succeed them in said Trust to execute new Deeds of conveyance in all such Cases, in such manner and form as shall be agreeable to the said Trustees and their Assistants, to such persons as the Meeting for Sufferings or Yearly Meeting School Committee shall desire them to be executed to, at all times for and during the time said School is kept at Portsmouth on Rhode Island; And the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to the Meeting for Sufferings

The above is a Copy Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, held at Portsmouth the 31st of the 8th Mo & 1st of the 9th Mo 1784

Examind by Rob. Dennis Clerk

Which Minute together with the aforesaid proposed Conveyance, being considered; It is the judgment of this Meeting that they Amount to a Sufficient Title & Assurance of the Interest & Estate proposed to be given towards the Support of said School, and it is concluded that the School be Opened at Portsmouth aforesaid accordingly agreable to the intention of our former minute as soon as may be conveniently done — And Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton & Joseph Mitchell are appointed to receive a Conveyance in Substance as proposed by the aforesaid & Say to them their Assigns & Successors in said Appointment to & for the Use of the Yearly Meeting's School —

Our Friends David Buffum, Moses Brown & Jacob Mott are appointed to seek for a Suitable Person to keep said School and when found to enquire his Terms and inform this Meeting — Also to make application to the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island for the use of the Meeting House in Portsmouth to keep said School in & Liberty to make the necessary repairs for the purpose, and when obtained to proceed to make the Repairs as fast as can be conveniently & advantageously done, and also to procure ten Cords of Wood for the Use of said School, and Report their proceedings to our next Meeting for Sufferings —

This Meetings Treasurer is directed to Notify the several Monthly Meetings that the Money Subscribed for the Yearly Meetings School the first year will soon be wanted; also that they send up the Money or Securities for the Subscriptions which is Subscribed for the Fund —

This Meeting Adjourns to the close of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held at the long Plain —

At the close of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at Long Plain the day being pretty far Spent the Members of this Meeting for Sufferings then present agreed to Meet at the same place the second day following at the 9th hour —

2nd day 4th of the 10th Mo. 1784 —

Met accordingly present Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown Samuel Smith, Abner Peller, Paul Wing, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Jethro Mitchell

Mitchel Daniel Howland Junr, Jeremiah Hacker, Jacob Mott
Thomas Arnold

The Committee appointed to Obtain & prepare the Meeting house at Portsmouth for the School; to procure fire wood & seek a Master; Report that they have Obtained said Meeting house of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island and that the Wood is agreed for, they have also endeavoured to procure a Master to keep the School, but have not done any thing conclusive in that matter

And it appearing necessary that the School be Opened soon it is concluded that Isaac Lawton be appointed to keep the School for the first quarter of a Year, he agreeing to Accept said service and Trust for the Sum of seventy five pounds P Year and at the same rate for such part of a Year as he shall keep said School, which it is concluded to Open the first day of next Month — Said Committee are continued to fulfil the remainder of their appointment & Report to next Meeting for Sufferings.

The Treasurer informed this Meeting that he has Copied the Several Subscriptions which have been made for the School, in Order to send them to the Several Monthly Meetings, but as it is expected a recommendation for a further Subscription will be necessary when the School is opened, it is concluded they be not forwarded until that time

This Meeting Adjourns to the 3rd hour this afternoon at this place

Afternoon, Met by Adjournment

Present, the same Members as in the Morning

This Meeting having spent some time in deliberating upon the Business before it Adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning at Bedford at the School-House the Usual place of Friends Meeting

5th day Met by Adjournment, present the same Members as Yesterday except Samuel Smith & Abner Sotter who afterwards attended

This Meeting having deliberated upon the Business before it adjourns to the 3rd hour this afternoon at this place.

Afternoon, Met by Adjournment

The same Members present as in the Morning.

This Meeting having Rec.d a Letter signed by Joseph Tabor in behalf of Sundry Persons heretofore disowned by Friends, covering an Address to the people called Quakers concerning their disowning Timothy Davis & Sundry other persons which being fully considered the following Answer thereto was approved of and directed to be transcribed, signed by the Clerk and forwarded to them viz.t

A Letter from Joseph Tabor Dated the

with the Printed Address therein mentioned, we have rec.d & attentively read; you may recollect that about this time twelve month our Committee had to give you an Answer to yours of the 14th of the 7th Mo. & 9th of the 9th Mo. 1783, wherein they endeavoured to avoid every expression which might give offence or occasion of uneasiness to you, but finding by yours of

wherein you mention your Pamphlet and gave us liberty to peruse the same, that their well-meant endeavours had not the desired effect, but seemed rather to irritate or was unfavorably received. — We were unwilling to make any reply to that Answer being desirous of avoiding the like unhappy effects — We are now sensible of the difficulty of giving you an Answer as you expect, without being liable to the like; yet apprehending our silence at this time may be construed into a neglect of that care and attention for you which we have professed and desire to manifest may further add as a reason for this answer that we esteem it our duty to inform you that it is our sense & judgment that the publishing and spreading the Pamphlet sent us will sooner or later cause much uneasiness to some or all of your minds, prove unfriendly to the general cause of Christianity, grieve the minds of many sincere friends of this and the Neighbouring Yearly Meetings on account of the great increase of the difficulty you will thereby raise against your being rightly united as well as on account of the trouble it may give; and

And all this without doing you any present or future advantage that we can see — This being our prospect, we freely communicate it with desires you may before you spread them, duly consider the matter — Some of our Members, for some time past, have had a draft on their minds to visit you and to feel among you for that which may, if graciously vouchsafed, be the means of your and our seeing more eye to eye — And we approving the concern give them up to that service — With desires that the restorer of paths & healer of breaches may attend, We conclude your Friends —

Signed in and by Order of a Meeting for sufferings held at Bedford the 5th of the 10th Mo. 1784

Thos. Arnold Clerk

And our Friends Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold Isaac Lawton, Danl. Howland, Samuel Smith, Jeremiah Hacker, Thos. Arnold & David Buffum expressing a freedom to pay them a Visit, this Meeting approves thereof & commits the abovesaid Answer to their care to be conveyed to them —

This Meeting adjourns to seventh day the 30th instant at the 10th hour at Portsmouth —

At a Meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth the 1st of the 11th Mo. 1784

Eight Members only having met, in consequence of the Adjournment on the 30th Ult. who concluding to Notify such other Members as might probably attend, to meet at this time, there are now present Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Smith, Abner Potter, David Buffum Daniel Howland Junr. Levi Hunt & Moses Brown —

The Clerk not being present Moses Brown is appointed Clerk for this time — Joseph Mitchel now present

The Committee in Charge of Joseph Taber & others Letter inform that they, all except one attended an Assembly of those People at Rochester and deliverd our answer which was read up and refered by them to a future Meeting; — The Committee further inform that they were enabled to attend to their concern, and after leaving what appeared on their minds, while Setting amongst them returnd with a degree of satisfaction in their visit, altho at present their did not appear much prospect of usefulness to them, yet think there is some encouragement for concerned friends to labor amongst them

The following rules & regulations were agreed on for the Government of the Yearly Meeting's School viz.

First, That the Scholars carefully observe to be at School at the appointed times — That none presume to absent themselves without leave of the person under whose care they are, and that manifested to the Master.

2nd That they be always silent at their Studies, so that their voices be not heard unless when paying their lessons, or speaking to their Master — To hold no discourse with their School-fellows during the time of Study unless to ask something relating to their learning, and then in a low voice, and to avoid gazing about, moving from place to place or too frequent going out —

3rd That strict obedience be paid to the Monitors in discharge of their Office, and that none shall take the liberty to enter into any dispute with them; but those who may after deliberate consideration, think themselves aggrieved may make their complaint to the Master, and if he does not redress them, or if they have any cause of complaint against the Master, they may lay the same before one or more of the School-Committee, who shall take notice thereof at their next Meeting to reconcile & redress the same —

4thly That in going to and from School every one behave with decency and Sobriety, without giving the least cause of offence to any ——

5th That in all their converſation whether in or out of School they uſe the plain ſcripture language of the ſingular Number to one perſon, and be careful to place the words thou and thee in their proper places, and to call the days of the Week & Months of the Year in their numerical Order, and each other by their proper names according to the practice of the Apoſtles, avoiding all other names, terms of reproach, and every other rude or uncivil expreſſion ——

6th That in hours of leiſure they obſerve modeſty & Sobriety, uſing ſuch exercise of body only as may preſerve their minds in ſweetneſs to each other, that friendſhip & harmony may dwell among them, and they thereby learn to prefer & love each others company in preference to that of any rude wicked children, whom they are ſtrictly enjoined not to aſſociate with ——

7th Never tell a lie, or uſe artful evaſions, nor wrong any perſon by word or deed, Swear not at all; nor uſe the name of God irreverently or in vain, Mock not the aged, the lame, deformed or inſane, or any other perſon; Throw no ſticks, ſtones, dirt, ſnow-balls or any other thing at any perſon; nor wantonly or unneceſſarily at any creature, revile no perſon, nor utter any indecent expreſſion; never return any injury or affront, but forgive agreeable to the declaration given us of our Lord, Mathew Chap. 6th verſe 14, 15, for if ye forgive men their treſpaſſes, your heavenly father will alſo forgive you, but if ye forgive not men their Treſpaſſes neither will your heavenly father forgive your treſpaſſes, and in all things to the beſt of their power to behave in a modeſt & civil manner to all ——

8th When meetings are held on any other than firſt days the Scholars are to go to School prepar'd to attend them with decency & Sobriety.

9thly And inasmuch as the best rules avail not unless they are put in practice; frequent enquiry should be made by the Master whether they are punctually observed in his absence, and when any neglect appears, it should not pass without notice & reproof or correction if necessary; and where any complaints or difference arise, the ground and justice of such complaints or difference should be enquired into, when the Master should take the opportunity to recommend and inculcate the great duty of doing to each other what they would have done to them: And when any scholar makes complaint of a school-mate, neither those complained of nor any other should be permitted to reproach the complainant, for their care to preserve good order; but care should be used to check such as take pleasure in tatling & tale-bearing both in and out of School. ——— The Master is desired to be at the School house some time before the School-hours as often as he conveniently can, that thereby the Scholars may be preserved from irregularity, and good order encouraged that so it may become habitual ———

10th That he strictly enjoin the Scholars to be diligent to their several studies and application to their Books that their proficiencies may be to each an Ornament, which alone can be acquired by attention & diligence.

Let the Scholars know they must be careful to attend Meetings on first days, as well as our other Meeting days, unless Sickness or unavoidable necessity prevents; and if any fails in this duty, let enquiry be immediately made for the cause, and every necessary method used to detect & discountenance every inclination to screen & hide their misconduct in this way or any other instance by that mean & scandalous practice of equivocating & lying; vices which they should know are detestable in the sight of their almighty creator, and of good men & worthy of Correction; while candour, openness & integrity are praise worthy & should be encouraged that they may be truly virtuous.

And

And above all, let frequent opportunity be taken & every occasion
employ'd to inculcate in their minds the necessity and advantage to themselves,
both present & future, of strictly observing every moral & Christian duty
and let any breach thereof be more frequently reproved than any
other neglect ——— And although the Scriptures of truth
are the principal Books to be read in the School, being, as saith
the Apostle, able to make us wise unto salvation through faith
in Christ Jesus; and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man
of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all good works
2nd Tim. Chap 3rd Ver. 15. 16. 17th, & Nevertheless there are other
Books which may be useful, and the Master may occasionally
direct such parts of William Penns, no Cross no Crown; and reflec-
tions & Maxims; Robert Barclays Apology & Catechism, &
Piety promoted with such other Books, Epistles & Letters as
the School Committee the may think best ——— And as it is necessary
that the Master have the government of his Scholars, in order to their being
well educated; he is to keep a strict tho' not passionate discipline according
to the foregoing Rules, and it is expected all persons who send their Children
will be resigned to his government Accordingly ———

11th The School-hours be from the 9th hour to the twelfth, and from half
after One to half past four till the first of the fourth Month next
the time for the other part of the Year to be hereafter concluded on ———

12th And that the Master previous to his dismissing the
Scholars, direct their Books & studies to be laid aside & their
attention to be retired from them; In a pause for inward recollection
as well as outward retirement; And then dismiss them not all
at once, but gradually & quietly, in such divisions as he may think
most conducive to the reputation of the School, and advantage of the Scholars ———

And Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, Samuel Smith,
Thomas Hazard, Daniel Howland Junr. Moses Brown, Abner Potter
& David Buffum be added therein, as the School-Committee ———

This Meeting Adjourns to the 5th hour this afternoon ———

Met according to Adjournment The Friends that
attended in the forenoon now present

The Committee for procuring Copies of the Discipline of London, Pennsylvania and New Jersey & New York Yearly Meetings, Report, that they are all come to hand and ready for proceeding to Revise ours agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting in 1783

Whereupon We appoint, David Buffum, Tho.s Hazard, Daniel Howland Jun.r & Moses Brown for that service and to lay their proceedings before this Meeting from time to time as they may be in readiness, for our examination & approbation.

And as this is a laborious service, other friends of this Meeting as they are called upon by the Committee are desired to lend their assistance until way opens for an enlargement of the Committee by this Meeting

The Clerk is desired to send Copies of the following Letter to each monthly meeting as soon as may be viz.

Dear Friends

The School-room not being ready it is concluded to postpone Opening the School to next second day the 8th Inst. when the Master is desired to attend

This Meeting adjourns to the 2nd 2nd day in next Month then to meet at Providence at the 10th hour

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 12th Mo. 1784

Present, Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, Abner Potter Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland Junr, Thomas Arnold, Elisha Thornton & Benjamin Arnold

The

The Master of the Yearly Meetings School, Informed that he attended & Opened the School, at the time mentioned agreable to the desire of last Meeting for Sufferings, with a Small Number of Scholars finch which it has been gradually encreasing

This Meeting taking into consideration the great labour and importance of the work committed to the Committee for revising the Discipline, do appoint Joseph Mitchell, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold in addition to that Committee who are desired to unite with them in that Service

This Meeting having deliberated upon Several matters conclude to Adjourn to the close of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Swanzey

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 14th of the 1st Mo. 1785

Present Thos. Hazard, Joseph Mitchell, Samuel Smith Benjamin Arnold Isaac Lawton, Abner Potter, Joseph Rogers Levi Hunt, Danl Howland Junr George Comstock, Jacob Mott Thos. Aldrich, Nathan Breed & Tho. Arnold

This Meeting taking into consideration, that the Committee already appointed for revising the Discipline all live in Rhode Island Quarter, Do appoint Joseph Rogers and Nathan Breed to join said Committee in the accomplishment of said Service

Whereas Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott & Joseph Mitchell were appointed to receive a Conveyance of the Lotts in Newport appropriated for the Yearly Meetings School as Feofees in Trust; They are also appointed by this Meeting actually to receive the Rents & Issues thereof, by themselves or Such other person as they shall see fit to appoint to do that Service; and to prosecute in the Law such cases as may be necessary for that purpose; And to account with this Meetg therefor when Received

This Meeting Adjourns to the 2nd 2nd day in the 3rd. Mo. next at Portsmouth ~~at the~~ 10th hour, at which time it is expected to examine the Revisal of the Discipline, in order for approbation, as directed by the Yearly Meeting, and the Members of this Meeting are desired generally to attend

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 14th. of the 3rd. Mo. 1785

Present

Thos. Hazard, Thos. Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, Benjamin Arnold, George Comstock, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Samuel Smith, Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt, Danl. Howland Junr. Thos Arnold & Paul Wing

The Committee appointed to Revise the Discipline and to lay their proceedings before this Meeting from time to time as they should get in readiness therefor, Informed this Meeting that they have attended said service & have gone through the same with care and attention, according to the ability afforded, and have agreed what parts to retain, and what alterations to propose (except upon a few heads which they have not yet thoroughly digested) And a fair Copy of the Digest as far as concluded upon, is now laid before this Meeting for examination & approbation, which being read & considered in part, This Meeting adjourns to to Morrow morning 9th hour

15th day Met by Adjournment ——— Present, the Same Members as Yesterday

The Committee informed they have gone through those Heads which were not fully digested yesterday, and have agreed upon the same; And the whole Digest is now before this Meeting for examination, which having been proceeded in the Meeting Adjourns to the 3rd. hour this Afternoon

Met by adjournment, all present as in the forenoon (except Moses Brown & Thomas. Arnold, who are called away on account of sickness) And proceeded to Read the remainder of the Digest, and the further consideration thereof, and direction of which to the Yearly Meeting is referred to our next Meeting ——— This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 9th of the 4th. Mo. 1785

The Members being too much spent to proceed on Business, Adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met by Adjournment — Present, Thomas Hazard Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham, Levi Hunt, Dan'l Howland Junr. and Moses Brown — Who is appointed Clerk for this Time, the Clerk being detain'd by Sickness

Our friend Zacharias Dicks from North Carolina, John Elliot from Philadelphia, and David Sands from nine partners also attended at this Time

After conferring on several matters and the day spent conclude to adjourn to the 2nd 2nd day in the 4th. Month to meet at Providence at the 10th Hour

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th of the 5th. Mo. 1785 Present

Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thos. Aldrich, David Buffum George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Lapham, Levy Hunt, Moses Brown Dan'l Howland Junr. Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton & Thomas Arnold

The Meeting took into consideration several further amendments proposed in the Digest of our Discipline, which being made the Meeting adjourn'd to the 3rd hour this afternoon

Afternoon met by Adjournment — The Members all present as in the Morning

This Meeting took into consideration the State of the Yearly Meetings School, and it appearing that the former information with respect to the Fund, and the invitation to the several Monthly Meetings

Meetings to send in the poor, has not had the desired effect, there not having been any such sent, who have come within the description before given to be entitled to have their Board paid; and as there is a sufficiency to support some such, Thomas Hazard, Tho.s Aldrich & Moses Brown are appointed to ascertain how many the Fund will support for the year ensuing, and make a Draft to encourage the Monthly Meetings sending such as are poor to partake of the advantages of the Institution, and make report to our next. Mott

Our Friends Tho.s Aldrich, Jacob Mott & Levi Hunt are appointed to make such frugal provision for friends & pasture for Horses, for the ensuing yearly Meeting on Rhode Island, as they shall judge necessary and Benjamin Arnold George Comstock & Daniel Howland Thomas Lapham are desired to assist them therein and in their care that Friends conduct in a decent & orderly manner at the Houses where provision may be made; And to lay their Acc.t of the Expence before a future sitting of this Meeting — And the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to furnish them with such a Sum of Mony as they think necessary for that purpose

This Meeting Adjourns to fourth day before the Yearly Meeting at the 10th hour at Portsmouth

At a Meting for sufferings held at Portsmouth the 8th mo. 15
Present Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, Moses Brown, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Levi Hunt, Joseph Rogers, Thomas Stephens, Samuel Smith, Nathan. Breed & John Abbot also our Friends Joseph Wells, Ebenezer Morris and John Jacobs from Pensylvania attended at this Time.

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent, Thomas Lapham is appointed Clerk for this Time.

The Friends appointed Report a Draught to the Monthly Meetings to encourage them in sending their Poor to the yearly Meeting Stock, which being read upp, and after some alterations and additions made approved of and is as follows, viz.

The Meeting for Sufferings taking into consideration the present State of the yearly Meetings Stock which is very small, and being desirous that

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the eighth day of the 6th. Mo. 1785 ——

To the several Monthly Meetings ——

Dear Friends —— It appearing that the information we have before been able to give, respecting what part of the Expence of Boarding the poor of society, while at the yearly Meetings School could be paid out of the Fund, has been so uncertain as not to be sufficient inducement for the Monthly Meetings to send their poor; ——, We have therefore taken the Subject again into consideration, being desirous that the Funds, so far as they will go, may be applied answerable to the intention of the Institution in furnishing the poor of society with necessary learning; Have concluded to Notify each Monthly Meeting to send one of their Children of the first Class of Poor, that is such who are not possessed in their own right of the necessary means of food & raiment, nor have Parents of ability on whom it is incumbent to furnish them therewith; but are supplied as Objects of Charity; Or such who have grown to an age of ability to support themselves with their own labour, yet are destitute of learning to fit them for Business ——

And altho' the Expence of Board &c of one only of such poor from each Monthly Meeting, which is to be all out of the Fund, will be as much as it will at present admit of, yet others of a second Class of poor, whose Parents may be able to furnish them with food and Raiment, but need assistance in their Education are also Objects of the Institution; and to such there will be due attention paid, and the expence of Tuition Books & other

other materials necessary for their Learning in School will also be paid out of the Fund — And we recommend to all friends who apprehend themselves engaged in the cause of Truth, closely to attend to this important duty of furnishing all our Members with necessary learning to fit them for Business; and to discharge themselves herein by such encouragements as may tend to their own peace and the welfare of the rising generation —— Besides the necessary literary instruction, the Children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their Superiors; of forbearance, affection & kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker; and those habits of silence & recollection taught & practiced in the ancient Schools, and inculcated in the holy scriptures ——

— As it must be admitted, with the divine blessing, that such an Education of our youth, as tends to fix right impressions at the first opening & enlargement of their minds, must tend to afford promising hopes of their future usefulness; which being the intention & care of Friends in the formation & conducting of the School; It may also be expected that those who are of ability to give their Children an Education abroad will also send them when they are not supplyed with suitable Schools at home; We apprehend such temporary weaning of Children from their expectations of Parental indulgences, will be advantageous to the Youth, and promote the School by lessening the Expences of or encreasing the Fund ——

Such Monthly Meetings (if any) as have not any of the first class of poor, to send up, are desired to give the earliest notice thereof, that those of other Meetings may receive the benefit of Instruction and those Meetings, who have more than one of such, are desired to inform what number ——

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting By ——

Wm. Lapham Clerk for this Time ——

And

And the Clerk is directed to forward Copies thereof by the first Opportunity to the several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met by Adjournment — & the Members being called were all present that attended in the Forenoon

This Meeting having had under consideration several Paragraphs in order to compleating the Revisal of the Discipline, and the Digest being approved and now ready to be laid before the Yearly Meeting the Clerk is directed to acquaint that Meeting thereof as soon as convenient after the Opening on 6th day next — And also to lay before them the other proceedings of this Meeting the year past for their Disposal

This Meeting adjourns to the close of the Select Meeting to Morrow

Ninth day, met by adjournment & the day being far spent the Meeting Adjourned to the Time of the ensuing Yearly Meeting at Newport

Fifteenth day, at the Close of the Select Yearly Meeting Met by Adjournment, the members all present that Attended at Our last meeting Except Samuel Smith And Elisha Thornton — Jeremiah Hacker And Abner Potter also Attended at this time

The Yearly Meeting having Approved the Digest as our discipline, And committed the Communication thereof to the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings to this meeting, And the subject coming under Consideration, whether it would be best to transcribe a number of Copies for that purpose or to have them printed, do after weighthily Considering the same, unitually Agree to get one hundred & Thirty copies struck off for the use Aforsaid: And Moses Brown & Thomas Lapham be Appointed And Thomas Arnold is desired to be Assistant in procureing the same Correctly done, and also to make an Essay of a Suitable Introduction & Index And report to our Next Meeting —

This Meeting Apprehending it will be Expedite to distribute

some of the Books and Pamphlets on hand to such as are
seeking People not Members of our Society, Appoint George
Comstock Benjamin Arnold & Thomas Lapham to select such
as they may think Usefull And deliver to John Tabor & Nathan
Bread who with the Assistance of Jeremiah Hacker are to distri-
bute the same where they may think Most usefull, And the
Committee to report what number of each to our next Meeting.

This meeting concluder to meet again at the Close
of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at Smithfield in Next
Month.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield
the 8th. of the 7th mo. 1785. present.

Thomas Hazard Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown
Joseph Mitchell, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, David
Buffum, Daniel Howland jun.r, Levi Hunt, Jacob Mott, George
Comstock, Thomas Lapham, Abner Potter & Thomas Arnold.

The Comtee. Appointed to prepare An Introduction
to the discipline, & agree with the printer to print the same, Report
they have Agreed with the Printer to do the work, And laid An Essay
of An Introduction before this Meeting, which Not being Entirely finished
is referd to the Comtee Again to finish the same & report to the Adjournmt.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 9th hour tomorrow morning at this place

Ninth day met by adjournment. present
the same member as yesterday. except Thomas Lapham who
soon after appeared.

The Comtee. to whom the Essay of An Introduction was
committed, reported the same, which being several times carefully
read & considered paragraphically is approved of. — they also
presented An Essay for a Title page which was Approved of.

The Comtee Appointed to deliver some books to Nathan
Bread & John Tabor to be distributed Among seeking people down
Eastward, report that they have del.d 100 of Penns Tender Counsel
& C — 11 of Joseph Phips Original & present State of man & 2/6 —

10 of Jenn Barclay & Pike 2/6 - 7 of Moses 1st on Mixed Marriages, 24 of Aversions Call by Benjamin Holme &c

This Meeting adjourns to the 2nd 2nd day in the 9th m°. at Providence at the Usual hour. &c

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 9th m°. 1785

Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich Moses Brown, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Benjamin Arnold David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Levi Hunt, Thomas Arnold. &c

This Meeting rec°. the printed general Epistle & the Epistle to our yearly Meeting from the yearly meeting of London which Were read to our Satisfaction

Our Friend Moses Brown laid before this Meetg. the Epistle from Our last yearly meeting to that at London & on Long Island, he having forwarded that for the yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, all which he Rec°. from the Clerk of our yearly Meeting. he is desired to forward that to London & Long Island also by the first Conveyance & report to our Next Meeting. &c

This Meeting being Informed that our Friend John Gough in Ireland is about to Publish A new History of Friends from their first Comeing forth down to the present time, And that he is desirous of being furnished with such Materials respecting Friends in these parts as might be thought Interesting & useful in a just & true History of Friends, whereupon Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott & Moses Brown, Are Appointed to make such Inspection & enquiry as they may be Enabled to, And to select such interesting particulars both Antient & Modern as they Judge will be likely to prove useful in that work and lay before this Meeting. &c

The first year of the yearly Meetings School being Nearly Expired, it is concluded that Isaac Lawton continue to keep said School at the same price as before agreed upon untile some further Conclusion of this Meeting

It appearing that the rents due upon most of the Point lotts in Newport, Appropriatid for the purpose of schooling the poor of our Society are in arrear for several years, And many persons declineing or Neglecting to Settle the same It is the advice & Judgment of this Meeting that the Comtee entrusted with the Care of collecting the rents commence a suit for the recovery of the possession of every such Lott the possessor whereof refuses Or neglects to pay the rent in Arrear, or give Satisfactory security for the payment thereof, at the next court at which such suits may be commenced, Unless any such persons neglecting or refuseing to settle As above be a member of our Society, And in that case that they lay the same before the Meeting to which he belongs.

This Meeting Adjourns to seventh day of the week in which the Quarterly meeting is held in the 10th mo. & the 9th hour at Dartmouth

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at dartmouth the 11th of the 10th mo. 1785 at the Close of the Quarterly meeting this, it beiseing earlier than was Expected. Present. — Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, Samuel Smith, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt, Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Thornton, David Howland, Junr Thomas Arnold. — This meeting rec: an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania & New-Jersey the 24th of the 9th mo. last which was read to good Satisfaction as follows — to the Meeting for Sufferings of Friends in New England

Dear Friends, Your Epistle of the 9th of the 6th mo. 1784, with the Copy of your Memorial, presented to the Assembly, & of the Act of the Legislature in favor of the Abolition of Slavery were Red & read in our meeting in the 10th mo. following, being very Acceptable & encouraging; our acknowledgement whereof would have been earlier attended to.

to but that a variety of concerns have justly closely
engaged our Attention, among which the promotion of our
Testimony against the ignominious trade to Africa & holding
our Fellowmen in Slavery continues to Claim our Care, and
Although the Address of our Yearly Meeting to Congress on this
very Interesting subject hath not yet been brought forward
According to our desires Yet its importance, we have nevertheless
grounds to believe the inconsistency of the Inhuman Traffick,
with every religious And Morral Obligation has Impressed the
Minds of many persons by whom it has in former times
been Overlooked both in Europe And America, so that there
is a pleasing hope the number of Advocates is increased
to plead the Cause of the Oppressed; the Consideration, whereof
Excite Thankfulness in us to the great Creator & Parent of
Mankind, by whose power & Love Men become Awakened to
righteousness, And we trust wile in such time & manner as
Are most Consistant with his sovereign wisdom Effect the
deliverance And relief of those grievously afflicted People. —

We expect you have been informed that our Friend
John Gough of Ireland had Undertaken A weighty work with
the Approbation of Friends in that Country And Great Britian
the design of which is An Improvement of the History published
by William Sewell, and a continuation of it down to later
time, in aid whereof he has requested to be furnished with such
Materials as can be supplied by Friends on this Continent
Adapted thereto, And as there may probably be among your
memoirs of Occurrences, or other Authentick Papers containing
what may Deserve A place in such An History; your Collecting
them for the Assistance of our Friend who is engaged in this
weighty Business wile be very Acceptable to him. —

Notwithstanding this intermission of our correspondence the continuance of it remains desirable that by a more frequent communication the state of our Brethren in your parts may be brought into our View, whereby mutual Benefit may Arise, And as we apprehend our Friends on Nantucket are Under some difficulties which merit sympathy & Attention, a particular Account of their Situation from you Will be Acceptable.

Our Yearly Meeting being near Approaching, we expect what then may Appear to be necessary will be communicated in Answer to the Epistle from yours which is come to hand, & intended to be laid before that meeting, and we may refer thereto; at little more Occurs to us Except that we have the Satisfaction to inform you of the late safe Arrival of three Ministering Friends, John Townsend, John Storer, & Thomas Colly from Great Britain, on a Religious visit, in company with whom Our Friend Nicholas Waln is returned, and their Are favourable Accounts of the personal Welfare of our other American Friends who remain engaged in Truths Service in that Kingdom & Ireland, whose Labours we Trust will redound to the Edification of the Churches & their Own Comfort.

With desires it may be mutually our Chief concern to know our minds so redeemed from the spirit of the World, its ensnareing Connections & perishing pursuits, that a qualification may be divinely renewed for useful Labour According to our several gifts for the real welfare of each other, And the general good of Mankind, we salute You & remain, your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia the 24th of the 9th mo. 1785

John Drinker Clerk

And the Clerk is directed to Copy the same or so much thereof as immediately respects Friends at Nantucket, and forward to Jethro Mitchell with a request that he would endeavour to collect such Information as is there desired & forward to our Next meeting

Meeting for sufferings

Moses Brown informed that he has not had any opportunity to forward the Epistles to London committed to his care at our last Meeting, he is therefore desired to embrace the first convenient Opportunity to forward it, & those to Philadelphia & Long Island & report when done.

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London having been read in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and by said Meeting referd to the meeting for sufferings to Consider of the further spreading the same, & it coming under consideration at this time is concluded to be referd to our Next meeting for Sufferings.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Usual time in the Eleventh month then to meet at Providence.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th of the 11mo 1785. Present Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Aldrich, Samuell Smith, Moses Brown, Joseph Rogers, Elisha Thornton, Daniel Howland Jur. Levi Hunt, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Thomas Hazard, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold.

The Clerk informed that he forwarded the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia to Jethro Mitchell on Nantucket with Request as directed at our last Meeting, And An Answer thereto from Jethro Mitchele being laid before this Meeting, Our Friends George Comstock, Samuel Smith Elisha Thornton Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to prepare An Essay of An Answer to said Epistle, containing An Account of the State of Our Friends on Nantucket, And such other Matters as Appear Necessary as way Opens for it & bring to our Next Meeting.

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meet.g in London coming again Under Consideration, It is concluded

to get so many copies printed as will be sufficient to supply One to each Meeting. And Moses Brown is desired to agree with the printer to strike off a sufficient Number for that purpose upon the most reasonable Terms he can, & report to our next Meeting. —

This meeting Adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met Aurding to adjournment. — The Comtee Appointed to prepare an Essay of an Answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, & Extended One, this being read up & some Alterations made, was approved of, & directed to be Transcribed & Signed Forwarded by the Clerk; it is As follows. viz To the Meeting for Sufferings of Friends in Pensylvania & New Jersey. Dear Friends / Your Epistle of the 2d of the 9th Mo. last was duly rec.d: And read in Our Meeting in the Tenth month to our Satisfaction & Comfort, being Desirous that our Correspondence May be Continued as way Opens for Mutuel help thereby to Society. —

Your Attention to the State of Friends in our parts is satisfactory, & our Sympathy with Friends on Nantucket has their particular Acknowledgm.t We having Agreable to your desire Endeavoured to furnish you with a particular Account of their present State, by sending our request to that End Accompanied with a copy of your Epistle to a Member of our Meeting living there, whose Answer we herewith send a Copy of, as the best Account we are at present able to give as follows. — Agreable to request I have consulted many Friends upon the subject of their Enquiry, & by their Advice do give the following information, that Notwithstanding the late great embarrassment our Fishery has experienced, &c. increased Number of those who require the Aid of Society; yet we think the Number & Ability of those who are favoured with Easy Circumstances are at present sufficient to afford them relief, without bearing very hard upon them. But that this may long be the case is very doubtfull to us, as the general decline of circumstances almost individually Experienced with a gloom

Gloom over our future prospects. — And as their circumstances as to outward means of the Comforts of Life seem upon the decline, we Apprehend our Attention to their situation will be more Necessary in future from time to time. &c — The substance of what you mention respecting the Undertakeing of our Friend John Gough we had been made acquainted with, And it meeting our full Approbation a few Friends were Appointed to collect such Original papers And An Account of such matters As Appeared to them likely to be of service in that work. — In love we remain your Friends & brethren. — signed on behalf & by order of our Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th of the 11mo 1785. Thomas Arnold Clerk

The Account of the Expences of the two last yearly Meetings not having been fully settled & being now presented for Settlement & the day far spent they are referd to next Meeting for Sufferings. —

This meeting Adjourns to the rising of the quarterly meeting next to be held at Swanzey. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 13th of the 1mo 1786. — present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Benja Arnold, Samuel Smith, Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland Jur, George Comstock, Moses Potter & Thomas Arnold. —

Moses Brown informs that he has forwarded the Epistles from our last yearly Meeting to that in London

And that on long Island Agreable to the Desire of this Meeting in the 9th m.o last

He Also Informs that he has procured a sufficient Number of the Epistles from the Yearly Meeting in London to be struck off by the printer, to furnish one to Each meeting within the Yearly meeting And that the Expences thereof is Twelve shill which the Yearly meetings Treasurer is hereby directed to pay him

The Amounth of the Expences of the two last Yearly Meetings is Again refered to Our Next meeting for Sufferings.

This meeting Adjourns to the Third day after the Second Second day in Next month to meet at Portsmouth at the 10th hour.

# At a meeting for Sufferings held

At Portsmouth the 14th of the 2m.o 1786. present

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Samuel Smith, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt & David Howland Junr. — The Clerk being Absent Daniel Howland Junior is Appointed Clerk at this time.

The Committee Appointed to visit and have the oversight of the Yearly meetings school made report which is Accepted & is as follows. We the Committee to visit and oversee the School report that we have paid some Attention to our Appointment, and tho' the school is yet small, consisting of about Twenty scholars, two of which of the first class of poor, we think it is conducted in an Orderly manner, and the scholars appear to be Attentive & improving in their Learning & we doubt not but a diligent perseverance in Society to promote the Institution will with a divine blessing Continue the school to be useful not only to the present but future Generations, Signed on behalf of the Committee 14th 2m.o 1786. N. B. Mr. Mitchell by Th.s Hazard
is Absent

This Meeting Adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment all present as in the Morning And After confering on several Matters adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow morning.

15th day met by Adjournment. all present as yesterday.

This meeting received a Letter from our friend Job Scott with An Answer in Manuscript he had written to a piece published by James Relly, Intitled Union &c. which was in part read in this Meeting, but the time not admiting of the whole being read, our friends George Comstock, Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown And Elisha Thornton Are Appointed more fully to Inspect the same & report to our Next Meeting their sense how the same may be best disposed of.

The Amounts of the expences of the two last Yearly Meetings is again referd.

This meeting Adjourns to the second second day in next month to meet at Providence at the 10th hour.

## At a Meting for Sufferings held

at Providence the 13th of the 3mo: 1786 present. Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell Moses Brown, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, David Buffum Thomas Lapham Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland junr: Thomas Arnold & Benjamin Arnold. The Comtee Appointed to Inspect Job Scotts Manuscript report as follows Agreable to Appointment we have further Examined the Manuscript Intitled by Job Scott & Apprehend the Design of the of the Author was good, but as we think it may be usefully Abridged & Corrected, propose that the meting Appoint Another Comtee to meet with the Author, And After he has made such Corrections as they may may think proper, the same be laid before the Meeting for their

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings for New England ver held at Portsmouth the 15th of the 2m° 1786 —

" This Meeting Rec'd a Letter from our Friend Job Scott with an Answer in Manuscript he had written to a piece published by James Relley Entitled "Union &c" which was in part read in this Meeting, but the time not admitting of the whole being read, our Friends George Comfort, Thomas Hazard, Nicholas Brown & Elisha Thornton are appointed more fully to Inspect the same & Report their Sense to our Next meeting how the same may best be disposed of. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 3m° 1786. — The Comtee Appointed to Inspect Job Scotts Manuscript Report as follows "Agreeable to Appointment we have further Examined the Manuscript presented by Job Scott, And Apprehend the Design of the Author was good, but as we think it may be usefully abridged & Corrected, Propose that the Meeting Appoint Another Comtee to meet with the Author And after he has made such Corrections as they may think proper the same be laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their Approbation; We being of Opinion of Opinion that it Contains sufficient Matter for Confuting Relly's Treatise on Union, & may in time be usefully published. —

Thomas Hazard
Nichs Brown
George Comfort

Which is Compiled by our Friends Elisha Thornton, Geo
Comstock David Buffum & Thomas Arnold Com Appo
-ted for that service And to make report thereof
-published. At a meeting for Sufferings held at East Gree
with the 4th of the 4mo 1786

The Comtee Appointed to have an Opportunity with Jo
Scott upon the Subject of his Manuscript Reporting they
had One & Now Laying the same before this Meeting with some
Amendments & Corrections & the Meeting having proceeded to hear
the same read in part Adjourns to the Close of the Selectmeeting
Tomorrow.

15th day met by Adjournment ~~pursuant thereof~~
~~Members~~ having proceeded in reading the Manuscript &c
yesterday, this Meeting Adjourns to the 2 hours this afternoon

Afternoon Met by Adjournment. the Manuscript
above Mentioned having been Attended up in this Meet
-ing & mightily Confided It is our Sense & Judgment that
the Author be at Liberty to publish the same without
parts being omitted as have been pointed out during the
reading thereof & Acceded to by the Author; & that
such further Corrections as he may find Necessary to make
with the Advice of the Comtee Appointed & Town meeting in
the 3mo to take an Opportunity with the Author who be
Continued for the above purposes & to Report when Ready

Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
for Sufferings for New England held at the Several
Time & Place above mentioned

Thomas Arnold Clk

N. B. some Small Alteration Was Afterwards proposed to the
Meeting & Agreed to be Assented by the Minutes

Thos. Arnold

Approbation, We bring of Opinion that it contains sufficient Matter for confuting Pelly's Treatise on Union, & may in Time be Usefully published ——— Thomas Hazard
Moses Brown
George Comstock

Which is Accepted & our Friends Elisha Thornton George Comstock, David Buffum & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed for that service & to make Report when Accomplished.

Having Concluded on the other Business before it, this meeting Adjourns to the 3 hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met by Adjournment present the same members as in the morning. Except Elisha Thornton who is Absent by reason of ill health. —

This Meeting having Taken into ~~weighty~~ Consideration the Subject of making Provision for holding the next Yearly Meeting Also the State of the Treasury, It is our sense that it is not Advisable to make provision for Entertainment as of late Years, And the monthly Meeting of Rhode Island is desired to make such provision for pasturing of horses as formerly, nevertheless to lay the Amount of the Expence thereof if they think proper, before the next Yearly Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Each of the monthly Meetings in Rhode Island Quarter. —

The Amounts of the Expenses of the two last Yearly meetings having been Under Consideration are again Continued.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Select Meeting Next to be held at Greenwich on Fourth day before the Quarterly Meeting there.

a Mon Meeting for Sufferings held at East Green
wich the 12th of the 4th Mo 1786. — Present —
Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Jacob Mott
Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt
David Buffum, Daniel Howland Jur. Thomas Arnol

Having Conferd on the busines before it. This Meeting adjou
to the 8th Hour Tomorrow morning. — 13th day met by Adjurnme
present the same members as Yesterday. —
This Meting rec'd a Copy of a Minute from Rhode Island
monthly Meeting in the 3rd Mo. — which appears proper to lay bef
the Quarterly Meeting. — Whereupon Thomas Arnold is
appointed to lay the same before said Meeting with such circum-
-stances as may be Necessary to give that Meeting the necessary
Insight into the matter. — This Meting Adjourns to the
Close of the Quarterly Meeting tomorrow. — — —

At the close of the Quarterly Meeting 14th day Met by
Adjournment. — Present the same Members as Yesterday &
Samuel Smith attended also at this time, The Comtee appointed to have
an opportunity with Job Scott upon the subject of his manuscript
Reporting they have had one, & now Laying the same before this
Meeting, with some amendment & Corrections, the Meting having
proceeded to have the same Read in part, adjourns to the close of the select
Meeting Tomorrow. —

15th day met by Adjournment — present the same members as
Yesterday — Having proceeded in reading the Manuscript began Yes-
-terday — This Meeting Adjourns to the second Hour this Afternoon. —
Afternoon met by Adjournment. The Manuscript above mentioned
having been all read up in this Meeting & Weightily Considerd, it is
our sense & Judgement that the Author be at Liberty to publish the sa
with such parts being Omitted as have been pointed out during the reading
and Acceeded to, by the Author, — & with such further corrections as h
may find necessary to make, with the advice of the Comtee Appointed at
our Meeting in the 3rd Mo. to take an Opportunity with the Author, who
are continued for the above purposes, & report when Ready — — —

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the select Meeting on fifth day; before the Yearly Meeting, to meet at Portsmouth ——

At a Meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth —— the time being far spent to which this meeting was adjourned, it was concluded to meet at the 7th hour this morning the 9th of the 6mo 1786 when the meeting met. — present. —

Thomas Hazard Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, Joseph Mitchell David Buffum, John Tabor, Jeremiah Hacker, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt, Jonathan Dame, Samuel Smith Jethro Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton Joseph Rogers. ——

The Clerk being Absent by reason of Sickness in his Family, Isaac Lawton is Appointed Clerk in his Absence. —

Our Friends John Storer & John Townsend from Great Britain Nicholas Waln —— Peter Yarnall & Elisha Kirk from Pensylvania And Gideon Seaman from Newyork Yearly Meeting also Attended At this time.

The Meeting having had to Confer on Several Matters And the Yearly Meeting Comeing on concluded to Adjourn to the Forenoon. —

13th day met by Adjournment, present the same Members as as on the 9th instant Except Jethro Mitchell. ——

On Considering the State of the School which Appears Necessary to be more fully laid before this Meeting, David Buffum, Benja. Arnold, Thomas Hazard & Levi Hunt are Appointed to Settle the Scholars Accounts, Look into the State of the Funds, and what allowance be made the Master in future & report to our Sept meeting. ——

It is concluded to hold our Meetings the year Ensuing at the rising of the first Sitting of Each of the Select meetings of Rhode Island Quarter when they are held, And at Providence on the 2. 2 day in the 9. 9th & 12th months at the 10th hour And on 5th day morning at the 7th hour before the Yearly Meeting begins at Portsmouth. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at-

Smithfield Upper meeting house the 13th of the 7th mo. 1786.

Present. — Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown, Jacob Mott Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland Jr. Thomas Arnold. — ~~the Meeting~~ Agreeing to meet at ~~the~~ 8th hour this morning, the day being far Spent at ~~the~~ Close of ~~the Select Meeting~~ Yesterday. —

This Meeting having Conferred on the Business before it, adjourns ~~to the~~ Close of the quarterly meeting at this place. —

14th day At the Close of the quarterly Meeting, The day being far Spent it was agreed to meet at the 8th hour tomorrow morning. —

15th day met by adjournment, present the same Members as on the 13th Except Elisha Thornton, George Comstock & Thos Lapham Thomas Aldrich also attended at this time, & Thomas Lapham soon after attended. —

The Comtee appointed to Enquire into the State of the School fund &c. And to agree with the Master respecting his salary in future, report the Sum of fifty pounds a year in future as Salary, & that he Receive the Tuition of the Scholars in part, And not having been able to collect the State of the fund, they are continued for that Service, And to report to our Next meeting. And Isaac Lawton agreeing to Continue the School for a time on those Terms it is Concluded that he proceed in that Service as heretofore. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the 9th mo. 1786 present Thomas Hazard Moses Brown Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, George Comstock, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Smith, Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland, Thomas Arnold. —

The Comtee Continued to lay a State of the School fund before this Meeting not being Yet ready to do it: the Accounts of the State of the Donation from Newport not being present, they are Continued And desired to Report the Same at our Next Meeting. —

This Meeting being Informed that Joseph Phillips

Dispertation on Baptism & the Supper. And Many Books on Silent Waiting, Are Reprinted by Friends in Philadelphia & Newport And they Appearing likely to be usefull to be read Among Friends and others: And as the State of the Subscription for the Yearly Meetings Stock does not admit of distributing them by this Meeting; our Friend Moses Brown proposed to Send for the Books for Such Friends As Choose to Subscribe & Send up the Money for them, the prices being About 1/3 each of Which the Members of this Meeting are desired to Inform the several Meetings. —

This Meeting having finished the Business now before it. concluded to meet again at the time as Agreed on. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 11th of the 10th mo. 1786. — present Thomas Hazard Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Abner Potter, Elisha Thornton, Saml. Smith, Daniel Howland Jr. Levi Hunt Moses Brown —

There Not being a Sufficient Number of Members present agreed to Meet at the Close of the quarterly Meeting. —

13th day. at the Close of the Quarterly meeting Met. — The Same Friends present as before, Benjamin Mott Also Attended at this time. — The Clerk being Absent Moses Brown is Appointed Clerk at this time. Shubael Coffin & Thomas Richardson Robinson, the Yearly Meetings Comtee to Accompany our Friend John Townsend Made Report in writing as follows. — "According to Appointment of the Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th mo. last, We have Accompanied our Returned Friend John Townsend in performing his Religious Visits to Novascotia & the Island of St. John's & herewith Inclose An Account of the Expenses & Charges Arising on the Voyage Amounting to £66 10 2 Lawf. the Journal of our particular travels & the Labours & Religious Services performed by our said Friend, we also enclose for the Meeting's perusal & Satisfaction

Shubael Coffin

Thomas Richardson Robinson

The yearly meeting's Treasurer is directed to pay the Amount of the said Expenses as it Comes into his hands from the several Quarterly Meetings

Meetings. — And as the time is far Spent & there Appearing No business likely to Suffer before our Next meeting, the further Consideration of the Journal of our Friend John Townsend & What may relate to his & the yearly meetings Concern is refered to our Meeting in the 2. 2 day in the 12mo at Providence. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Swanzey the 10th of the 1st mo. 1787. Present Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Abner Potter, David Bassum, Joseph Rogers Levi Hunt, George Compton & Daniel Howland jr. the time being far Spent at the Close of the Select meeting, this Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour tomorrow Morning. — Met by adjournment the Same Members present as yesterday & Benjamin Arnold & Samuel Smith attended at this time also Thomas Arnold & Elisha Thornton. —

The great Storm & fall of Snow on the 1st day preceding the time Appointed for our meeting in the 12mo. having hindered the Collecting of the members Impracticable the Meeting was not kept up. —

This Meeting having Perused the printed General Epistle of the last yearly Meeting held in London And it being read to good Satisfaction Our Friend Moses Brown is Appointed to procure A Sufficient number of them Reprinted for One to Each Settled Meeting for worship & Discipline in this yearly Meeting, Upon the most reasonable Terms & Report to our Next Meeting. —

This Meeting adjourns to the Next hour after the rising of the quarterly Meeting for business, Afternoon of the Same day, the quarterly Meeting of business having concluded, the Meeting for Sufferings Met — Present the Same Members as in the morning. —

Moses Brown Informs that the Epistles from our last yearly Meeting to the yearly meetings of London, Philadelphia & Long Island are forwarded Agreable to Direction of this Meeting. —

This Meeting having Conferred on Several Matters not got finished, adjourns to the Usual time in the 3mo. Next at Providence

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 3mo. 1787. — present. — Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Benj.a

Arnold, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Moses Brown, Levi Hunt Daniel Haviland Jun.r — Thomas Arnold the Clerk of this Meeting having Informed us in Writeing that he is Unexpectedly called to Virginia on Business, And desiring a few lines from this meeting by way of Certificate, the Meeting on further Information respecting it are Satisfied with his being gone on the Occasion which appearing to require Attention & wisdom in order to get right Through this Exercising business, as Well for his own Interest & reputation as for that of the Truth we make profession of, Which prohibits us from Making Short or false Entries to Deprive Government of the Excise & Impost due to them by Law; And as from What of late he is Clear of Any Such Intention, we recommend him to the Brotherly Care & Assistance of Friends in those parts, for Which purpose a copy of this minute is directed to be Sent him signed by Moses Brown Who is Appointed Clerk in his Absence. —

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philidelphia dated the 21.st 12mo. last was Red. and read in this Meeting to Satisfaction. And as it Appears that divers Friends of Nantucket have of late removed to Halifax, and others are Meditateing a Removal to France, it seemes incumbent on this Meeting to Excite Friends of that Monthly meeting to a weighty Consideration Whether the Motives for such removal are founded in true wisdom, or sufficiently detached from those Operations With Alluring prospects of Outward Considerations may have on Self. — And as there is a paragraph in the forementioned Epistle of our Friends from Philadelphia, Suitable to the Circumstances of Friends on Nantucket, the Clerk for this time is directed to send a Copy thereof with this minute for Friends Consideration there. the Epistle is as follows. — To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England

Dear Friends your Epistle of the 14.th of the 11mo. 1785. was Red.

And read in our Meeting on the 16th of the 7mo last. — Was acceptable to find you professed keeping in View the Trying circumstances of Friends on Nantucket, As might from time to time appear Requisite, And that you had under Care to Contribute What within your own, should appear Useful in the Work undertaken by our Friend John Gough. —

We doubt not Your Attention has been drawn to the Situation of the other Friends within the Compass of your meeting, as well as to those Nantucket some of Whom, as we are informed, have pleased themselves with the Prospect of relief by An Emigration to a Settlement in the Neighbourhood of Shallisap. — but as from the publick Accounts of popular discontents, And the Unsettled aspect of Affairs in your Countries, as well as from the Change which has taken place in the fishing Business, which hitherto Afforded A Comfortable Support to many of our Brethren in your parts, there seemes ground to apprehend difficulties & Trials may Attend them, claiming a Brotherly concern & Sympathy. We mention it to Encourage free Communication thereon, believing you Will see the propriety of Extending timely Aid And Council to guard them Against hasty & Imprudent Removals from places & Neighbourhood Where they have long & Usefully Resided

Will will it be for all Friends entertaining A Change of Abode, to seek after the like disposition Evidenced by the leader of the Lords Chosen People — "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence". —

The Minds of the people continuing in a State of great Unsettlements in Many parts of this Continent, And Appearing to be particularly Agitated by discontents in your Country. — We much desire that our Brethren in Religious profession both Among you Ourselves, may Cautiously avoid Joining in these publick consultations; Experience of late years dictating to us the Necessity of Watchful Care & circumspection herein; And that the more our minds are withdrawn from Matters of a Temporal Nature, the better we shall be qualified to become Instruments for the promotion of the Kingdom of Universal peace & good will Among men, And Animated seasonably to advise Caution those among us who may be in danger of deviating therefrom by the Allurements of Profit, or Worldly Honours so called in the Acceptance of Offices of publick Trust

however plausibly the Solicitations or prospects may be Colourd or
presented to this View, as it was Enjoined on Israel in Antient
time to dwell alone as a Nation of this great Safety & preservation
so also we may be Assured that a due Observance of this Wise ad-
monition will Conduce most availingly to our real Benefit. —

The very Interesting Concern on Acct. of the Continuance
of the Iniquitous Trade to Affrica for Slaves, in some parts of
this Continent, which Engaged our Yearly meeting in 1783 to
address the Congress, being renewed with religious Weight on the
minds of Friends at our last Yearly meeting it was Recom-
-mended to the Spicial Care & close Attention of this Meeting, in which
a Comtee was Appointed to Consider the most Expedient mode of
Movement for promoting the Increase of Attention to this Important
Affair Especially Among Men in Power, as Well as for the pub-
-lick Maintainance of Our Christian Testimony in this Case.
Which Comtee produced a Sound address to the Body of delegates
in Congress, Offering Additional Reasons & Considerations, to en-
-urge & Impress on their Minds the Interesting Subject of the said
address in 1783. Which being united with, a number of Friends were Selected
to Attend Congress at Newyork And to Exercise Wisdom, as it might be Afforded,
respecting the time And Manner of presenting the Same, who on their
Arrival in that City finding there was not a Sufficient Collection of Members
to enter on business, nor likely to be within a Short time, they Concluded to Visit
at their quarters such of the representations from the different States, as
it was thought there might be a Use in Conferring with, And also some other
Men of Rank & Influence, with a Considerable Number of whom (in Company
with Some Friends of Newyork Appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings there)
open And free Opportunities of Communications We had, affording Satisfac-
-tion to the Friends Exercised therein. In the Course of which Labour having
Earnestly to urge the Call of duty on Congress, publickly to Manifest their
-ught the Governments they represent their Sincere disapprobation

of the Inhuman Wickedness of the Slave Trade —
It was Offered As An Encouragement thereto, that Laws
had been Enacted by the Legislature in most places to abolish
the Base Traffick, And New England being Mentioned Enquired
An Observation that tho Laws were past in that Country prohibit-
ing the Importation of Negros, yet some Merchants there
were known to be in the Practice of Carrying on the Trade
to Affrica for Slaves, Conveying them to the Carolina's
& the West Indias — These Circumstances we mention
that the Consideration of it may spread Among Friends
And other religious thoughtful people in your parts. —
And that any encouraging Advice may be Embraced, to promote
the Removal of so great a Reproach from your Country. —

With desires that our Communication may be main-
-tained to our Mutual Edification, & Accompanied with a lively
Evidence that a Christian concern & Exercise for the Exalta-
-tion of Truth And promotion of Righteousness is felt & Cherished
Among Us, We Salute you & Remain your loving Friends & Broth:
Signed by direction & in behalf
of our Meeting for Sufferings held
for Pensylvania New Jersey &c. in
Philad.a the 21.st of 12.mo 1786.

Jnn Drinker Clk

Adjourned to the third hour this Afternoon. —
Met — By Adjournment. —

Moses Brown Reports that he has got the London
Epistle printed And forwarded Copys to Each meeting According
to Appointment — the Cost of which being 14£. the Yearly Meetings
Treasurer is directed to pay him. —

The Comtee for Enquiring into the State of the
School fund & Settlement that Treasurers Acct made Report — by
which it Appears Moses Brown is in Advance for the

present Year's Annual Supply Eighteen pounds Eighteen Shillings & One half penny, And that there is in his hands of the said Ten pounds ten Shillings, an Acct. Current of the same with the State of the said business. — And as from the present Demand for bord of the poor And the difficulty of Collecting the Quitrents at Newport & other Money due to the said it is Incumbent on the Meeting to Endeavour for the Collation of the Intrest already due, and as far as they may be Enabled to Increase the Sundy; And there having been, as we are Informed some Subscriptions in England, Our Friends Thomas Lapham & Moses Brown are Appointed to look into that matter, prepare a draught of an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in London & Desire their Assistance in Collecting the same & such other Matters as they may think proper & Make Report tomorrow Morning. — Adjourned untill tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

13th met by adjournment. Friends all present that were yesterday Except Jorge Comstock — The Comtee to prepare an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in London presented One which being Several times read was with some Alterations & additions Approved & the Clerk for this time is directed to make out & Sign a fair Copy And forward by the first opportunity as follows. —

From our Meetings for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 13th 3mo 1787. to the Meet.g for Sufferings in London

Dear Friends

The Subject of our Yearly meeting School, which is Commited to the Care of this Meeting Coming under Consideration And it Appearing that through the great reduction of Rents in the Town of Newport Wherein the principal Donation lies, & have been Expended towards its Support, & the difficulty of Collecting them by reason of the depreciated State of the paper Currency in this

This State, And the Laws making it a Tender for Silver And Gold, the Usefulness of the Institution is likely to be great-
-ly lessend if not ~~quite~~ entirely lost. And this Meeting being Informed that our Friend Shubael Coffin had Carried Some of Our Subscription papers to London some time past And that some Subscriptions were made — but the particu-
-lars we are not fully informed of, And it Appearing to us A matter of Consequence to the Society to Increase the funds of the Schools in order for the Education of Our poor, as Otherwise from the Straightened Circumstances of most Friends by the Late Calamitous War, we have reason to fear Numbers may be brought up with little or no Education, We are Induced to lay the Case before you for your Assistance in Enquiring into the Subscriptions raised to & putting them & such additions as you may be Enabled to procure in Trust, in a prospect that the Interest may be Annually drawn by Our Treasurer. It is with reluctance we Commence our Correspondence on a Subject of this Nature, being Sensible of the Exertions of Friends in Establishing that highly useful & Honorable Institution at Ackworth. but we hope the reasons Mentioned will Apologise for this Asking for An Extention of the Charity & Benevolence of those Whom Providence has Made Stewards of those things which their Brethren Stand in Need of, & the Spreading of which may And We hope Will be A Means of their Enjoying the Satis-
faction of Greater Riches. —

Our Yearly Meeting having lately revised our disci-
-pline, & Yours having much facilitated ~~that~~ And Shortened that Labour, we have thought Will to send you herewith a print-
-ed copy of Ours As it now Stands, for your Inspection And Advice if you find it Necessary — You May & from this Meeting has

the Care of Receiving & forwarding Epistles which may Conf.
for the Yearly Meetings Not ~~being~~ Appointing Correspondents
in the place of those Deceased. —

We may Conclude with Informing you that our Belo-
ved Friends John Storr John Townsend & Thomas Colly have all
paid us a Religious visit in these parts much to our Satisfaction
& Comfort, they were by the last Oct. in & near Philadelphia, May
this renewed Evidence of the Lords Care over his Church in sending
his Messengers be an Animating Encouragement to persevere
in the ways of his requiring: That we may be preserved a people
to his praise, is the desire of your Affectionate Friends & Brethren
Signed by Order & on behalf of the said Meeting
by Moses Brown Clerk for this time

This Meeting Adjourns to the Usual time at the Close of
the Select Meeting in the 4th. month. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich for
New England the 11th of the 4mo. 1785. present Thomas Hazard
Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold Isaac Lawton, Thomas Hazard
Jethro Mitchell David Buffum, Elisha Thornton George Comstock
Levi Hunt Abner Potter Daniel Howland Jun. Moses Brown. —

The making provision for horse pasture during the Sitting
of the Yearly Meeting, coming Under consideration & this Meeting
Not having Succeeded in our request to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
last year, of making provision as formerly; And as circumstances
appear there is not a prospect of such an Application Succeeding
at this time: We think best to Recommend the Subject to the particular Attention
of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting And to Desire them to make
the Necessary provision for horse keeping during the Next Yearly
Meeting. And also to Endeavour to have the Care of the Lott Pro-
-posed for that purpose looked into, stated & settled with Rhode
-Island Monthly Meeting, or have the Same laid by on the Yearly
Meeting in order that the diversity of Sentiment Enquiring

The right to the use of said Lott, be removed by a Sattlem.t thereof by some Suitable Friends Abroad or Otherwise as best Wisdom may Direct. And the Clerk is directed to lay a Copy of this minute before Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Tomorrow. ——

Adjourned to the Close of the quarterly Meeting

At the Close of the quarterly Meeting met by Adjournment. —

The Comtee. for Collecting Materials towards the History of Friends having laid before our last Meeting what they had then prepared, which being read & Approved Our Friend Moses Brown is directed to forward a fair Copy of the Same to John Gough in Scotland for his Disposal as he may think proper. ——

Adjourned to the Close of the Select meeting at Portsmouth on 4.th day before the Yearly Meeting. ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held At Portsmouth the 6.th of the 6.m.o 1787. Present. —

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Jeremiah Hacker, David Buffum, John Tabor, Nathan Bried, Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland, Abner Potter & Moses Brown. ——

Moses Brown Reports that agreable to Appointment he had forwarded the Epistle And Book of discipline to the Meeting for Sufferings in London

Adjourned to the 9.th hour tomorrow Morning. ——

7.th Met According to Adjournment — the Same Friends present as were Yesterday — And Samuel Smith, Jonathan Dame And Joseph Rogers also Attended. —

The Visit of our Friend John Townend, and the Comtee of the Yearly Meeting who Accompanied him, to Nova Scotia &c. having been Under Consideration, & their Journal read up to our Satisfaction, the same is referred to the Yearly Meeting. — And as we are informed that the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia has paid £30 L.M. towards the Account of the Expenses, the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to settle the remainder being £36.10.2. if Not already done, as soon as may be. —

This Meeting being informed that Salem Quarterly Meeting in the third month had set off and Established A New Monthly meeting Eastward from Falmouth Monthly Meeting by the Name of Vassalborough, the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer is directed to furnish that Monthly Meeting with four books of Discipline, the Number heretofore Assigned Each monthly Meeting. —

Moses Brown Clerk for the Present is directed to lay the minutes And proceedings of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting when Convenient. — The Yearly meeting for Worship Coming on, this Meeting adjourns to the Close of the Yearly meeting for Business. —

At the Close of the Yearly meeting the 13. day met by Adjournment — present the same Members as at the last Sitting, Except Samuel Smith who is dismissed by his request. Also John Casey, Ozial Wilkinson, Job Scott, William Almy, Abner Hill & Sampson Shearman, who were added to the Meeting for Sufferings by the Yearly Meeting Now Concluded. —

The Yearly Meeting having Agreed upon address to the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts and

And Rhode Island, upon the Subject of the Trade to Africa for Slaves, And the Slavery which thence Ensues. And Appointed the Members of this Meeting for Sufferings, or Such of them as this meeting might select for that Service, together with William Rotch, Thomas Robinson, Joseph Congdon, & Caleb Greene to have Charge of Presenting the said addresses And to further Labour to Accomplish the Object of said Addresses, in those And such others of the New England States as Truth may Open the way: Whereupon Thomas Hazard, David Buffum, Moses Brown, Job Scott, Thomas Arnold & Oziel Wilkinson Are Appointed to Join the Aforementioned Friends in Presenting the Said Address to the Legislature of Rhode Island: And Moses Brown, Jeremiah Hacker, John Tabor & Levi Hunt, are Appointed to Join the said Friends in presenting the Address to the Legislature of Massachusetts, and to make Report of their proceedings & success to this meeting when Accomplished.

It is agreed upon to hold our Stated meetings the Year Ensuing as agreed upon Last Year.

## At a Meeting for Sufferings held

At Smithfield for New England, at the Close of the Select Quarterly Meeting the 11th of the 7th mo. 1787. Present. Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Benj.a Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Thomas Lapham, Geo. Comstock, David Buffum, Sampson Shearman, Elisha Thornton, Job Scott, John Carey, Levi Hunt, & Moses Brown. — The Meeting concluded upon Conference to adjourn till tomorrow morning at the 8th hour.

12th day met by Adjournment. — Oziel Wilkinson and William Almy Attended at this time — And Thomas Aldrich & Benjamin Arnold are absent. —

The Comtee to prepare Materials for John Gough's History of Friends presented About Two Sheets more, which being read and Approved Moses Brown is desired to forward the Same to John Gough for him to make use of Any part thereof as he may think Proper. — he is also desired to forward the Epistles & Certificates laid before this Meeting from the Yearly meeting. —

The Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the quarterly Meeting for Business.

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting the 13th day the same Members present as at the last sitting, And Thos. Aldrich, Benj. Arnold & Thomas Arnold Attended At this time. —

The Meeting having spent some time in Considering on the business before it and the day being far Spent, Adjourns to the 9th hour Tomorrow morning. —

14th day met by Adjournment, Present the Same members as Yesterday Except Benj. Arnold. —

The subject of the Address to the Legislature of Massachusetts & Rhode Island having been under Consideration, & several matters preparatory & Necessary to the further prosecuting that Important Service, having engaged the attention of this Meeting, And Our Friends Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, and Oziel Wilkinson and Thomas Hazard having been directed to distribute as many of Clarkson's Essays as they may think Necessary Among the Members of Assembly of Massachusetts & Rhode Island Not exceeding three dozzens at the expence of this Meeting, it is Agreed to Adjourn to the 3d Second day in Next month, At the Usual hour at Providence

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 20th of the 8th mo. 1787. Present Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Gorge Comstock, Job Scott, Oziel Wilkinson, Thomas Lapham, Sampson Shearman, Daniel Howland Jur., Levi Hunt, William Almy Thomas Arnold, Benjamin Arnold.

The Comtee to present the address to Massa-chusetts & Rhode Island Report that they have presented the Same, which Met with A favourable Reception, Whereupon the Comtee viz Thos. Hazard, David Buffum Moses Brown, Job Scott, Thomas Arnold & Oziel Wilkinson Are Still Continued to pay Attention to the Address to the State of Rhode Island, And to Labour for the Obtaining a Law to prohibit the Slave Trade, Agreable to the Intention of said Address, As Truth may Open the way, And make Report to our Next meeting for sufferings.

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Select quarterly Meeting on 4th day before the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th mo.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dart-mouth the 10th of the 10th mo. 1787. Present Thomas Hazard, Benj.a Arnold, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Sampson Sherman, John Casey, Abner Potter, Job Scott, Joseph Rogers, Dan.l Howland Jun.r, Abner Hill, Oziel Wilkinson, Wm. Almy, & Moses Brown, Who is Appointed Clerk for this time. He informs this Meeting that the Epistle & Certificates from the Yearly Meeting Committed to his Care are forwarded.

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London was Received & read in this Meeting to Satisfaction And is as follows.

To the Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New-England. —

Dear Friends

We duly Received your Epistle of the 13th of the 3mo last. It gives us Concern to find that the Usefullness of the School Instituted by your Yearly Meeting, to extend the important Benefit of a guarded Education to your Youth is likely to be abridged by the Insufficiency or failure of the Resources on which you had Depended; especially as the Variety of Reasons which have Latterly excited the Liberality of Friends here discouraged the expectation of our being likely to afford you much Assistance.

On enquiring into the circumstance of the Subscription you mention to have been made by some Individuals here several Years Ago, we find it was generally understood by them, that the distresses Attendant on the Situation of your Country, at that time involved in the Calamities of war induced your Application; And that, from having Received no information from you of the Actual Establishment of the School, which was the Condition On which the Money was to be called for, they Expected the Occasion of it had Ceased; We however Suppose that these Friends When called upon individually may pay their Subscriptions which Amount to About £50 Sterling And perhaps Others may be disposed to make some addition, the Welfare of the Rising generation being so Intimately connected with the prosecution of your benevolent View, we reluctantly suggest the difficulty which we Apprehend would at present attend a Compliance with your request, And we hope Our Freedom herein will not discourage your Earnest Attention to them on such a Scale as may be within your Ability. If hereafter Any Opportunity should

Occur

Occur of giving You Encouragement to Extend them we Trust we shall not be inattentive to it. —

On a Subject of so much importance as the revision of Your Discipline we forbear to enlarge at Present as the Printed Copy to which You refer has not yet come to [redacted] Our hands. The printing the extracts ~~that referred~~ from the Minutes And Advices of Our Yearly Meeting was preceded by much Labour And deliberation, And we willingly hope that the Selection & Arrangement of Your work of the Same Nature, were Undertaken & Conducted under a due Sense of the Neccessity of Great Care And Circumspection. —

Of the eight Ministering Friends from your Continent who Attended Our late Yearly Meeting William Mathews, Zachariah Dicks, Catharine Brayton, Ann Jepson & Rebeca Wright — sailed Yesterday for Philadelphia in the Pigon Woolman Sutton Commander whom we Earnestly desire they may be favoured to Arrive in safety And with Comfort. The Other three find their Minds engaged to further Service. We have the Satisfaction also to inform You that Our Friends John Storer & Thomas Colly Arrived the 24th. of last month in good Health at Liverpool

We Remain with the Salutation of Love your Friends & Brethren . . . Signed in, by order & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held in London the 27th of 7th mo. 1787.

P. S. It may Not be Improper by John Ady [illegible] to Observe that the Establishment of Your Meeting do th not Appear to us to render the Appointment of Particular Correspondents [illegible] Unnecessary. — Our Friend Mehetabel Jenkins is we Trust, by this time Safely Arrived Among You.

The Epistle from the Last Yearly of London was also
read up in this Meeting to Satisfaction Moses Brown is
Appointed to procure a sufficient Number of Copies printed
for Each Meeting for Worship & Discipline, within the Yearly
Meeting on the best Terms he [illegible] can And forward the
Same. And to make report when Accomplished.

The Comtee Appointed to attend the General
Assembly of the State of Rhode Island on the Subject of
the Slave Trade report that they Attended at Bristol,
But the Assembly falling through without doing Busines
Nothing has been further done in that matter.

They are therefor Continued to attend the Assembly
And prosecute the Matter at their Next Session if way
Open & make Report. —

This Meeting [illegible] Adjourns to the 2d
2 day in the 12th mo. next at Providence At the 10th hour.

# At a Meeting for Sufferings

held at Providence by Adjournment the 10th of the 12mo
1787. Present Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown
Thomas Arnold, John Cary, George Comstock, Job Scott, Joseph
Rogers, Abner Hill, William Almy, Thomas Hazard, Ezek
Wilkinson, Daniel Howland Jur. Thomas Arnold, Benj.a Arnold,
Elisha Thorton & Levi Hunt. —

Moses Brown Reports that he has procured A Number
of Copies of the General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London
Printed Agreable to Appointment: A part of which are forwarded
And the Remainder ready to forward by Friends from this Meeting
having no more direct Opportunity: the Cost whereof being thirteen
Shillings

Shillings & sixpence, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is hereby directed & pay him. —

Several of the Comtee appointed to attend the General Assembly of this State upon the Memorial presented by Friends in the 6th m°. on the Subject of the Slave Trade Report that they attended the said Assembly at their late Session in the 10th m°. When a Bill was presented for preventing said Trade And passed both houses, with four Dissenting Voices only in the Lower House & in the Upper house none — the Memorial & the Act passed in Consequence thereof is as follows.

"To the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island Respectfully Sheweth

The Religious Society of the People called Quakers, in New England, Met together in their Annually Assembly in Rhode Island, for the purpose of Promoting the Cause of Religion, of Piety Justice and Good Order. — That being deeply affected with a Sense of the Uneasiness & dissatisfaction of the present time, and the Calamity & distress which threaten the inhabitants of this Country without Amendment & reformation; And being impressed with a belief that much now lies at the door of the Civil Authority; we are engaged from a Sense of Religious duty, as well as that Allegiance we owe & Acknowledge to the Government under which We live, to address You on this Occasion &c —

We Trust it will not be judged improper that we take this Opportunity to lay before you our Concern, & to Recommend to your Serious Consideration a repeal or Amendment of such Acts of Assembly as are Obviously inconsistant with that Attention to the preservation of Justice, Integrity & Uprightness Among the people, without which We can have no Reasonable Hope or Confidence to ask for the Blessings of Peace & prosperity

Remembering that it is "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation
And that Civil Authority being Ordained of God, a Terror to Evil
doers, & praise to them that do well" Are Accountable to him
for every Act which is found to have a Contrary Operation upon
the People. —

Among other things which have affected us with
pain, that Unrighteous And inhuman Trade to Affrica for
Slaves, And the [redacted] cruel bondage consequent thereon, ha-
-ving long rested upon our minds with Concern, we are Espe-
-cially engaged, at this time, to move to your Consideration
the case of that Oppressed People, whom, from their situation
being incapacitated to plead their own Cause, we have apprehen-
-ded Ourselves called upon, by the Author And Protector of
the whole Family of mankind, in a time of religious duty
to Endeavour to assist & relieve —

There are many Instances on record of the
singular Chastisements, which the Supreme Judge & Ruler of
the Universe has Appointed to Nations who have notoriously
deviated from the principles of Justice & mercy: We conceive
it would be highly becoming you, as Legislators & Fathers of the
People, as well as greatly condusive to your True Peace & Real honour
as individuals, seriously to Consider how Repugnant this Trafi-
-fick is to both; And by a timely exertion of that Authority entrusted
to you, Contribute your Endeavours to prevent the sufferings of Multitudes
of that injured People, and Avert from our Land the Judgements of him
who has declared himself the Avenger of the Oppressed. —

Being persuaded we address men generally convinced,
that this Branch of Commerce, & the treatment of the Unhappy subjects
of it, are Contrary to that golden rule of doing as we would be done by;
We Entreat you seriously to Consider, whether Divine Approbation
can be Expected, upon the Exercise of Civil Authority, whilst individuals
are permitted to prosecute this Commerce in Oppression of their
fellow

Fellowmen, without Restraint or Disapprobation. —

Under the influence of these Considerations, And such others as the Subject must Naturally Suggest, if seriously entered into, we are Encouraged to hope, that this Application in behalf of that afflicted & Oppressed part of our fellowmen will meet your Approbation. We therefore request, that you will take this Case under serious Consideration, and Cause such A Law to be Enacted, as you in Wisdom judge the most Effectual to prevent that Cruel & Unjust Trade, & finally to abolish that barbarous Custom of Robbing mankind as Slaves

Signed in And on behalf of aforesaid Meeting by

William Henry Ellis & the

Meeting Clerk

State of Rhode Island And Providence
Plantations. An Act to prevent the Slave Trade And to encourage the Abolition of Slavery. —

Whereas the Trade to Africa for Slaves, and the Transportation And Selling of them into other Countries, are inconsistant with Justice And the Principles of humanity, as well as the Laws of Nature & that more Enlightened & Civilized time of Freedom which has of late prevailed. And whereas the General Congress of the United States in the year of our lord One Thousand seven hundred & Seventy four, taking into Consideration the said Trade Agreed & resolved as follows: that "we will neither import, nor purchase any Slave imported After the first day of December Next: After which time we will wholly Discontinue the Slave Trade, And will neither be Concerned in it Ourselves, nor will we hire our Vessells or sell our Commodities or Manufactories to those that Are —

Nevertheless, forgetfull of the danger which then impended And inattentive to the Principle of Justice & sound Policy Manifested in the aforesaid resolution, a renewal of the African Trade for Slaves has been entered into by diverse Inhabitants of this State: For the prevention whereof be it Enacted by this General Assembly & by the Authority thereof it is enacted, that No Citizen of this

State or other Person Residing within the same, shall for himself or any other Person whatsoever, either as Master, Factor or Owner of any Vessell, directly or indirectly, import or Transport or buy or sell, or Receive on board their Vessell, with Intent to cause to be imported or Transported from their Native Country, any of the Natives or Inhabitants of any State or kingdom in that part of the world Called Affrica, as Slaves, or without their Voluntary Consent.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Every Citizen, Inhabitant or Resident, as aforesaid, who shall import or Transport, or cause to be imported or Transported any of the said Inhabitants of Affrica, Contrary to the True Intent & meaning of this Act & be thereof Lawfully Convicted, shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred pounds, Lawful Money, for every person by him or them so imported or Transported; And the Sum of One Thousand pounds for every Vessele by him or them employed in the importation or Transportation aforesd to be Recovered by Bill Complaint or Information, before the Superior Court or either of the Inferiour Courts within this State: the One Moiety thereof shall be paid into the General Treasury for the Use of this State, and the other Moiety to & for the use of the person or persons who shall prosecute for & Recover the same —

Provided Nevertheless, that this Act do not Extend to Vessells which have already Sailed, their Owners Factors or Commanders, for & during their present Voyage."

~~this House taking into consideration the hurtfull tendency of a Law of this State which Makes the Paper Currency in its present depreciated Value a Tender at par with hard Money for the payment of Just Debts, and of that also which renders forfeit all Debts due on Notes and book Account if not Demanded in Two years from the time of Passing the same, Named a few Friends to Inspect the Ways & a~~

Memorial to the General Assembly on that Subject &
Adjourned to half After the 5th hour this Evening. —

Afternoon Met by Adjournment —

The Comtee Named to prepare an Essay of a Memorial, presented One which was read and Weightily Considered; And Met the general Approbation of this Meeting Yet as this Meeting Expects to meet again before the General Assembly, the same is referd untill our Next Meeting for Sufferings for further Consideration. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Select quarterly Meeting in the first month Next, at the 4th hour afternoon

# At a Meeting for Sufferings

held at Swanzey the 9th of the 1mo 1788 Present. —

Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, Benja Arnold, Oziel Wilkinson, Jonathan Dane, Daniel Howland Jr. Elisha Thornton, Abner Hill, Sampson Sherman, William Almy Joseph Rogers, Abner Potter, Geo. Comstock, Levi Hunt, Thos Arnold, Our Friend Joseph Delaplaine from Newyork on a religious Visit to Friends in these parts Also Attended this Meeting. —

The Essay of a memorial to the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island Came under Consideration of this Meeting And some Amendments And Alterations being proposed Hereupon referd under the Care of the Friends heretofore Named to prepare the same together with Daniel Howland, who are Desired to Make Such Alterations And Amendments as to them Appear Necessary & Produce to our Next meeting. —

Joseph Mitchell One of the Comtee from this Meeting for the More Immediate Inspection & Superintendance of the Yearly Meetings School being Declared Sampson Sherman & William Almy are Added to that Comtee —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 6th hour Tomorrow Evening. —

10th day met by Adjournment present the Same Members
As Yesterday Except Abner Hill who is unwell.

The present State of the Address of Our last
Yearly Meeting to the Legislature of Massachusetts upon
the Slave Trade, which was Committed to the Continued Care
of this Meeting, coming under Consideration, And the Comtee of
this Meeting Appointed to Join the Yearly Meetings Comtee in
presenting the said Address, having heretofore Reported that they
presented the Same which Met with a favourable Reception: But
As it Still Appears to Demand further Attention & rests with
weight upon this Meeting, Our Friends Moses Brown, Jonathan
Dame, Joseph Rogers, Levi Hunt, Thomas Harand and Thos Arnold
Are Appointed with the Yearly Meetings Comtee to have Charge
of that Matter, & are desired to pay Seasonable and Weighty
Attention thereto either by Respectfully Reviewing the Consider-
-tion thereof to the said Legislature, Or otherwise to Labour therein as
Truth may Open the way.

It being represented to this Meeting that some individuals
in the State of Connecticut Are About to Enter into the inhuman Trade
to Africa for Slaves, which Appearing to Demand the Attention of Friends
in Order to discharge a faithful Testimony against Slavery, Whereupon
Daniel Howland Jur. Moses Brown & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to
prepare An Essay of An Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings for Westgo
Upon that Subject Suggesting to them the Consideration of Entering
into [redacted] An United concern And Labour with that State, in order to
prevent the introduction of so great an evil; And bring to An Adjourn
-ment of this Meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 25th of the 2mo Next
at Providence at the 10th hour.

## At a Meeting for Sufferings held at
Providence the 25th of the 2mo 1788. Present.

Isaac Lawton George Comstock, John Casey, Moses Brown, Job

Job Scott, Ozial Wilkinson, Levi Hunt, William Hony
Benjamin Arnold & Thomas Arnold. The Comitee in
case of the ~~address~~ Memorial to the Legislature of this State made Report
Which having Engaged this Meetings Attention in Considering
the forenoon Agreed to adjourn to the 3 hour afternoon.

Afternoon met by Adjournment, present the same
Members As in the Morning. — The Meeting resumed the
Consideration of the ~~address~~ Memorial, which having received some
Amendments, was Approved of And signed by the Clerk
And is as follows. — "To the General Assembly of the State
of Rhode Island Sept to be held at Providence.

The Petition And Memorial of the Representatives of
the People called Quakers in New England, being met Together in
Capacity of a Meeting for Sufferings, Respectfully Sheweth —

That it is not without a real Concern that we again
address you, having Lately witnessed Your Just & favourable inter-
-position in respect to the iniquitous Trade to Affrica for Slaves,
Which We as a Society have for some time Considered a National
evil, tending to draw down the divine displeasure; but being
fully ~~perswaded~~ that the same principle of Truth & Justice
together with A desire for the preservation & Welfare of our Fellow-
Citizens in general constrains us; we hope it will not be deem
Unseasonable to lay before you our Concern, to recommend to your
Serious Consideration, the Repeal or Amendment of several Laws
of this State, which we Apprehend Are, in their present Operation
not Only inconsistant with the Principles of Justice & good Govern-
-ment, but also with the best Sentiments of your Constituants Your
Fellow Citizens in general.

As the Act which makes the Paper Currency of this
State, in its present depreciated Value a Tender at Par in payment
of Just debts, has been found inadequate to any Valuable purpose

of supporting its Credit, whatever Laudable intentions Any may have had in promoting the said Act, We Apprehend they can no longer Operate for its Continuation, which must now be Accompanied with the Painfull Sensations Arising from a prospect of Injury to many, perhaps Ruin to some; who being incapable or unwilling to await themselves of like advantages, look up to the Legislative body for Protection & Redress; in affording which we Apprehend your Reputation & dignity at this time deeply interested — The Act which Makes Void Notes & Book Accounts that are not settled within Two years from the passing the same, we also Apprehend to be of the same Nature with the Other

We therefore respectfully intreat your Candid & Serious Attention to the aforesaid Laws, which we have reason to believe are now Considered as real Grievances by your Constituants, and if continued in force, will prove a wide and fatal door of Injustice & oppression on the One hand, & depravity & Corruption of morals on the Other; And that You in Wisdom will see meet to repeal the same; or Make such Amendments as will effectually prevent the Mischiefs resulting therefrom.

Signed on behalf of the Representatives Aforesaid at a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 25th of the 2mo 1788 — — — — — — — — — — — — by Thomas Arnold Clk

And Isaac Lawton, Job Scott, Moses Brown, Obid Wilkinson John Cary, George Comstock are Appointed to present the same and Labour to Accomplish the Object thereof —

The Comtee to prepare an Epistle to the meeting for Sufferings in Newyork on the Subject of the Slave Trade lately Attempted from the State of Connecticut, presented One which was Approved of And Signed by the Clerk And is as follows —

"Dear Friends. The Subject of the Slave Trade being before this Mtg. And desire being raised that there Slates may be preserved from the Guilt Defilement & Consequent Judgments which may be expected for the Continued pursuit of so unrighteous a Traffick, And that we as a Society may faithfully Discharge ourselves According to the Gracious

Extendings of that light which has not only been Vouchsafed Ours, but
But has spread & is spreading in the minds of all, who shut not their
eyes nor harden their hearts against its Convictions; We are induced
to address You at this time in order to Engage your United attention to
this Subject. And therefore inform You that our late Yearly Meeting
prepared Memorials to the Legislatures of Massachusetts and Rhode-
-Island for their Interference in preventing their Subjects from being
concerned in the African Slave Trade, they have been presented &
the Comtee have Reported Ours an Act Obtained in the State of Rhod-
-island on the Subject, a Copy of which with a Copy of the Memorials are
herewith sent, And we are informed that there is encouragement that
Massachusetts will pass a Similar Law. These are the Only States in
New England that are then known to be Concerned in that Trade. Since
Since which we are informed that there are two Vessels setting out from the
State of Connecticut to the Coast of Africa for Slaves. It is therefore become
our Concern for the Suppression of so great an evil that the Legislature
of the State of Connecticut be also addressed; but we having no Meeting
there And but few Members, the Usefulness if not Necessity of your
Uniting with us therein appear the more Evident, We having in Contem-
-plation the Making a Society Application there &c some Suitable Season
your Assistance & united Labours therein is desired, which from your
having more Members, tho perhaps but few, than we in that State, as
well as a greater Communication from your Situation, will probably be
more influential to obtain the Desired Act of Prohibition of their Sub-
-jects Continuing in the Trade; which being newly Commenced, & but few
Few as yet concerned therein afford the more promising prospect of
Success. However the Subject being also New with great part of the
Inhabitants it will probably be of use to possess them with adequate Ideas
of the Enormity of the Commerce to Excite a proper Abhorence; We Suggest
a Query therefore whether Some proper Publication may not be usefully
Spread in the Eastern parts of that State, it being under Consideration with
us to Effect something of this kind in the Eastern parts. —

Having been thus particular we leave the Subject for your
consideration & desire to Encourage a free Correspondence Upon this &

very Necessary Caution. We Remain your Friends & Bre Thomas
Signed in & on behalf of a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence
for New England the 25th of the 2m: 1788 —

To the Meeting for Sufferings New York. By Thomas Arnold Clerk

The Clerk is directed to forward the Same and Report to our
Next meeting. This meeting being so near the time of our Next
Meeting of Course, & No business Appearing to Engage a Meeting some
it is Concluded not to meet again untile the Usual Time of the Next
Quarterly Meeting. —

# At a Meeting for Sufferings held

At East Greenwich at the Close of the Quarterly Meeting the 9th of the 4th
mo: 1788 — — Adjourned to the 2 hour this afternoon. —

Afternoon Met by Adjournment. Present. —
Thomas Hazard, Benj: Arnold, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas
Aldrich, Moses Brown, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Sampson
Shaw man, John Cary, Levi Hunt, Daniel Howland, Abner Hill, Wm Almy

The Clerk not being present Moses Brown Reports on his Behalf that
the Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at New York has been forwarded as
directed. And this Meeting taking into Consideration the Spreading such
Communications upon the Subject of the Slave Trade in the State of Connec-
ticut as might be then usefully Exhibited, Tending to Excite the Attention of
the Inhabitants of that State to the Inhumanity of that Commerce agreable
to the Encouragement given in said Epistle. Appoint George Comstock, David
Buffum, & Elisha Thornton a Comtee to Select such pieces as in their Judgment
may have the Useful Tendency Aforesaid, And spread the Same in such Man-
ner as may Appear Most likely to have its' Desired Effect, And Report to
our Next Meeting. —

The Comtee Appointed to present the Memorial
Agreed to At Our last Meeting to the Legislature of this State, Report that
they presented the Same, which Was Red: & Refered by the Said Legislature
to their then Next Session of Assembly for Consideration, at which time
Divers of said Comtee Also Attended, and that the Law making
Paid

Void Notes And Book Accounts unless Settled within the Term of Two years from the passing of the Same is Repealed; but that the Law Making the Paper currency of this State a Tender at Par is not Repealed nor Amended, they Rejecting that part of the Memorial Requesting A Repeal or Amendment of the Same.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 8th hour tomorrow morning

10th day Met by Adjournment — Present the Same Members As was Yesterday Excepting John Casy & Daniel Howland Junr Who Are Absent on Acomtt

This Meeting having Recd Information from the Meeting for Sufferings in New York that they had in Contemplation the Reprinting Joseph Phipps Essay On the Original and present State of Man And proposed this Meeting's Uniteing in the Edition by taking such A Number for the Use of Friends within the Verge of this Yearly Meeting as was Agreable, which being Considered This Meeting Concludes to take the Number of One hundred & fifty & Moses Brown is desired to send for them Acording by Draw on the Treasurer for the Amount of the Same; And it is Concluded that this Meeting at their Next Sitting take up the Matter & Send down Subscriptions to the Several Meetings. —

Jacob Mott Sampson Sherman & William Almy Are Appointed to Settle Accounts with Isaac Lawton Respecting the Yearly Meeting School Tuition And Report to our Next Meeting. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 7th hour in the Morning of the day that the Yearly Select Meeting Meets at Portsmouth. —

Signd on behalf of said Meety by Wm Almy Clk for the

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 11 of the 6th Mo. 1758 Present

Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Benj.n Arnold Jacob Mott John Casey Moses Brown David Buffum Jonathan Dames Jno Mitchel Edm Taber Sampson Sherman

Dom.ᵉ Hoxland jun.ʳ Paul Ring, Abner Hilliard & Amy
Ozias Wilkinson

Our Friend Sam.ˡ Emlen, from Philadelphia
also attended

The Clerk being absent Wm. Ring was appointed
for this time.

Moses Brown reports that he hath made Inquiry
of Joseph Phipps Original & present State of Man, and that they are willing to be sent as soon as printed, whereupon the following minute is ordered to be sent to the several Monthly Meetings, viz.

This Meeting having received information concerning
Joseph Phipps Original & present State of Man, and this Meeting
consideration having thought proper to encourage the same, and that
a number of them might be usefully taken by Friends of this Yearly
Meeting, do in order that Friends may have an opportunity of furnish-
ing themselves therewith, hereby inform the several Monthly Meetings
thereof, and desire them seasonably to send the number they respec-
tively subscribe for with the Money for the same, to this Meeting
the Instant being.

This Meeting adjourned to the 12th day next by Adjournment. Present the same Mem-
bers as yesterday also Jeremiah Hacker, Job Scott, Sam.ˡ Collins
Abner Potter Joseph Rogers,

The Committee appointed to draft some
Minute upon the Subject of having in readiness a Supply of Lumber
ment report they have paid some attention to that service but not
appearing to this Meeting that their attention to that object
is necessary they are therefore continued according to Minute
to report their proceedings more fully next Meeting.

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings of the 11th inst.
was read & the contents thereof by this Meeting was received
and is as follows viz.

To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England

Beloved Friends

We our last having your Epistle of 2d mo. 1st came to hand, but not being engaged our weighty attention and under a solid consideration thereof we feel a near sympathy for the poor Africans and their descendants, and a desire spreading that it may be right & we become willing in the meekness of the wisdom of truth to extend our endeavours for their help, in case it may appear to us in the fear of the Lord, in order to which it may be advisable with some diligence forms to prepare a Memorial thereon jointly, whether it may be with more ease, and perhaps equally to answer the intention, if it be done in our several capacity, and that we meet and present our respective Yearly Meetings, to the same time, which we apprehend may without much difficulty be effected by a conjunction with that Body mutually, and a like communication between us,

And in reply to your Query respecting the disposal which may attend the spreading in Connecticut of the Epistle published on the subject of the Slave Trade, we think it need probably have a good effect and hope to hear of the same.

We are desirous of being informed as speedily as may be whether our proposal meets your approbation — and with the salutation of love we remain your Friends & Brethren.

Signed by order & on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings held in New York the 6th day of the 5th Mo. 1788.

George Bonnell Clerk.

John Scott Daniel Nian Jun. & Thos. Lazenby are appointed to prepare an Answer to the same against our next with such information as may then appear & report to the next sitting of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to audit Accounts with Correspondents inform that they have had some attention to their appointment but not being yet ready to make

they are therefore continued to effect it, report to our next [illegible]

The Subject of the yearly Meeting's school being mentioned
also but time not admitting of a full discussion thereof - this
Meeting Adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by Adjournment. Present
the same Members as in the morning meeting save Collins
& Howe Hill.

This Meeting having returned the consideration of
the yearly Meeting's School, and it appearing that the continuance
of the School will be much obstructed to discharge the expence
arising from the present embarrassments of the Collecting the
Rents and other moneys due to the School Fund - We therefore
propose the consideration of the yearly Meeting whether some
augmentation of the Fund or a Vacation to be continued on will not
be best till a change of circumstances take place, and it be more
practicable to collect the moneys due.

One of the School Committee having in-
formed that there was many due to the Board of Poor who have
been sent to the School for Tuition, and the Treasurer informing that
there was not a sufficiency in the Treasury to pay the same, he
is therefore directed to call upon those who are indebted to the Fund
for their respective arrearages in order that they may
have it in their power to discharge what is incumbent on them
in this respect.

This Meeting adjourns to the close of the yearly
Meeting at Newport if continued by the yearly Meeting.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport
the 18th of the 6mo 1788 Present Thomas Hazard
Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown,
David Buffum, John Cary, Jeremiah Hacker, Job Scott, Abner Sothe
Joseph Rogers, Samuel Sherman, Jethro Mitchell, Daniel Hoslan
Junr. Jonathan Dunn, Oziel Wilkinson, Samuel Collins, Howe
Hill, Paul Wing, John Tabor, William Almy, Shubal Coffin
John Reynolds, William Rotch Junr. Silvester Wicks

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The four last mentiond Friends being added by the preceding Yearly Meeting. — The Clerk being Absent William Hony is Appointed Clerk for this time. —

This Meeting Receiving information that Friends at Philadelphia were about reprinting Robert Barclay's Catechism, And Apprehending that they are Much Wanted within the Verge of this Yearly Meeting, Moses Brown is desired to write to Philadelphia for 500 of them And the Several Monthly Meetings are hereby Advised thereof in Order that they may Subscribe for as many of them as they may have occasion to take, And send an Account thereof to this Meeting as soon as they conveniently can with money for the Same; the price being One Shilling & four pence Lawful Money. —

A Vacation of the Yearly meeting's School being concluded on by that Meeting, but the time ~~[illegible]~~ when being refer'd to the conclusion of this Meeting. — it is Agreed that the time of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the 10th mo. be the time when said Vacation Shall ~~[illegible]~~ take place.

The Comtee Appointed to prepare an Epistle of Advice to the Meeting for Sufferings in New York Not having fully accomplished that Service, things Not being ripe to give the Necessary Information, they are therefore continued & desired to report to our Next meeting.

It is concluded that this Meeting for the year Ensuing Meet at the 3 hour in the afternoons on the days that the Select Quarterly meeting of Rhode Island Meets in the 7th 10th 1st & 4th mo. And at the Same places: And at Providence the 2d second day in the 9th 12th & 3rd mo. at the 10th hour. And at the 7th hour in the Morng. on the day that the Select Yearly Meeting Meets at Portsmouth

The Clerk for the time being is directed to send Copies of the Minutes respecting Subscriptions for Joseph Phipps Original & present State of Mans And Robert Barclay's Catechism to the Several Monthly Meetings. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield for Newengland the 9th of the 7th mo 1758. Present. —

Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Job Scott, John Cary, John Reynolds, Silvester Wales, Levi Hunt, William Rotch Jun. Sampson Sherman, Moses Potter, William Almy Thomas Hazard, Ezek Wilkinson, Thomas Arnold.

Our Friend Samuel Emlyn from Pennsylvania on a Religious Visit to Friends in these parts Also attended this Mtg.

The Comtee continued to pay further attention to Spreading such publications upon the Shire Rode as may be thot unsafe in the State of Connecticut Report that they have spread some more of said publications, & have been informed that several pieces they had forwarded for publication have been printed & Spread, which is unsuitable to the Meeting, & said Comtee is further continued to prosecute said Service, & to report to our Next Meeting. —

The Comtee Appointed to audit Isaac Lawton's Accounts respecting the Yearly Meetings School report that they have paid further Attention to that Service, but for want of some Vouchers have not been able to Accomplish it — And as Vacation is concluded to take place in the 10th mo that Matter is referd to that time, upon which the Comtee are desired to audit his Accounts and Make report to this Meeting in the 10th mo.

The Clerk of Our Last meeting reports that the minute Recommending the Subscription & the Treatise by Joseph Phipps On the Original & present State of Man has been forwarded to the Eastern Quarter And are now ready to be forwarded to the Other monthly Meetings

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting presented the several Epistles of the said Yearly Meeting to London, Philadelphia, & Westbury on Long Island signed & Ready to be forwarded. The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to forward the same by the first Suitable Conveyance, And Make report when Accomplished

The Comtee Appointed to inspect an Essay of an

Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in New York & Enquiries
One which Was read and with some Alterations Approved of
And is as follows, And the Clerk is directed to Transcribe And
forward the Same & Report to our next Meeting. — 402 —

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smith's
for New England the 9th of the 7th mo. 1788.

To the Meeting for Sufferings held in New York.

Dear Friends

With our Salutation of Love we have to inform
that we rec'd your Epistle of the 13th of the 5th mo. last, which being
read in this Meeting, it is with Satisfaction we notice your Brotherly
Attention to our proposal of your Uniting with us in Endeavours
to Obtain a Law to be Enacted by the general Assembly of the
State of Connecticut, prohibiting that inhuman Business
the African Slave Trade; And as you desire a Speedy information
whether your proposal of separate addresses being prepared &
presented be agreable to us, we readily Grant but it is our
present prospect that it may be well to attend on the Occasion
on the first day of their Session of Assembly at Hartford in the
10th mo. Next unless you should think some other time More suit-
-able, we wish you Would seasonably to inform us Whether it
is Agreable to you to Unite with us at that time And Conclud

Your Friends & Brethren
by direction of S. Meeting
Thomas Arnold (Clk

And Dear Friends Job Scott Thomas Arnold, Moses
Brown & David Bassnett, are Appointed to prepare an Essay
of a Memorial or Petition to the Said Legislature in the Name of
this Meeting upon the Subject of Enacting a Law to prevent
the Slave Trade And present to our Next Meeting. —

This meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly
Meeting for Business Begining to morrow. —

At the close of the quarterly Meeting the 11th day present the same Members as at the last Sitting.

This Meeting having concluded on several Matters which came before it, & this Meeting stand adjourned to the 2d day in the 9th mo at Providence at the 10th hour in the Morning.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence by Adjournment the 8th of the 9th mo 1788 Present

Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Samson Sherman, Benjamin Arnold, Elisha Thornton, Jol Scott, John Reynolds, Daniel Howland, Jos. Levi Hunt, William Almy, Ozias Wilkinson, David Buffum, Jno. Comstock, Thomas Arnold. This Meeting Rec'd an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia dated the 17th of the 7th mo 1788 which was read to Satisfaction & is as follows.

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania New Jersey & the 17th of the 7th mo 1788.

To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England.

Dear Friends

In a degree of that Love which Unites the faithful in concern for the Strengthening One Another hands in the promotion of Truth & Righteousness we do at this time affectionately Salute And Inform you we rec'd your Acceptable Epistle of the 20th of the 8th mo last which did not come to hand till the 12th mo following, And it Affords Satisfaction to find the hint communicated in Our last to you on the Subject of Removals came so seasonable as to be laid before the parties Immediately Concerned, And also the Concern prevailing amongst you to Guard your Members Against the Usurpation of Offices in civil Government, which We unite with you in wishing rather let us by our peaceable lives & godly Conversation evidence to the world our Attachment to the real Welfare of our Country, & by a pious Uniform Labour for the Discouragement of Vice & Immorality be instrumental to the promotion of that Righteousness which Exalteth a Nation

It hath Appeared that the Continued concern which hath

Subjoined in this Meeting for the printing & spreading among
other enquiring Books of information respecting the principles of
Truth, as well as pious treatises to stir up the Mind of the Careless
among ourselves & others hath been awakening & profitable. The
pious instruction of our own Youth in the Nature & ground of our
holy profession, as it is a subject deeply interesting to our Well
being as a religious Society, so the want of it is to be lamented in many
places on this Continent, as it is affecting to find many grown to
Mature Age incapable of giving a rational Account of the faith they
profess. — The Abolition of the inhuman Traffick to Africa
for Slaves we glad in observing has made such progress among you
And from a Concern subsisting previous to the hint communicated in
your Epistle to us, as well as being encouraged thereby we addressed
the Legislature of Pennsylvania on the Subject, which was
followed by one thru from many of the Inhabitants of this City
And were productive of a favourable Law Not only in putting the trade
but also making provision for the Safety of those set free from the
Attacks of Avaricious Men Who might be inclined to reduce them again
into bondage: a Copy of the Report of the Committee of the House on that
occasion also of the Law as directed to be sent you.

And it is with encreasing satisfaction we find by a late
Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London that this very
important subject has closely Engaged their Attention And by
which We are encouraged to hope some Steps will be taken by the
Legislature of that Nation, if not wholly to put a Stop to the
Wicked Traffick, at least to adopt some Measures which may
have a salutary Effect & strike at the foundation of this Compli-
cated iniquity. — With the Salutation of Love We remain

Your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting

John Drinker Clk

The Comtee continued for spreading Information upon the New Jarde report that they have procured a number of Books printed in Philadelphia on that Subject, but have not had any suitable opportunity of spreading them since they have been Rec: they are still continued for that Service & to Report to our Next Meeting. The Clerk informs that the Epistles of our last Yearly Meeting & the Yearly Meetings in London, Philadelphia & West Jersey on long Island are forwarded, also that of our last Meeting for Sufferings & that of Newyork. —

This Meeting Adjourns to half after the third hour this afternoon —

Afternoon Met by Adjournment present the same Members as in the Morning. — The Comtee to prepare an Essay of a Memorial to the Assembly of the State of Connecticut presented one which was read & several Amendments proposed & was recommitted for that purpose. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 7th hour to morrow Morning —

8th day Met by Adjournment — Present. the same Members as yesterday except Ozial Wilkinson & Levi Hunt, who soon after appeared. The Essay of an Address to the Assembly of the State of Connecticut after some Amendments was again presented approved of & Signed by the Clerk & is as follows

To the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut

The Memorial & Petition of the Representation of the People called Quakers in New England Respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialists with their Brethren in Religious society have for many years been deeply Affected with the Cruelty & injustice Exercised upon that Afflicted part of their fellow Men the African race, many of whom being inhumanly torn from their Native Land & from all the Endearments of Domestick life, are Carried into & Arbitrarily held in a State of Abject Slavery in Many parts of the World: & under these Serious impressions our religious Society

have been constrained not only to Cease from a Commerce in it's Operation soe repugnant to the sentiments & feelings of Humanity but also to Reflect on the Contradictions of freedom such as Were held among us & Slavery. While Emancipation has also been promoted Among many of the religious Societies, we doubt not but the Mornings of Divine Light - And we being firmly persuaded the work is of God, & humbly impressed with a thankfull Acknowledgment of his merciful Interposition in favour carrying it on have been Encouraged & under a Sense of duty Engaged to present Memorials to Journals of the Legislatures of the United States on the Subject of this Corrupt & Corrupting Trade: And light being Considerably spread & many of divers of the religious Denominations uniting their Solicitations in favour of that Oppressed people, it has pleased the Father of Mercies graciously to Influence the Councils of said States in such Wise that they have passed Acts prohibiting their Inhabitants or Residents from being in any Manner directly or Indirectly concerned therein; Copies of Which Acts We seek liberty to lay before you. From a feeling regard to the rights of Mankind, & from a Sincere desire for the preservation of these States from the Guilt which must Inevitably follow the practice of such Glorious Violations there of, Among a Civilized & Enlightened people, We are engaged to address you also upon the important occasion. have With Sorrow Received Information that One or two Vessells have lately been fitted out from your State, which We have not understood has before been Chargeable with this Criminal Commerce. To which We may add, however Grieving to relate, That we understand there are Individuals, some within one or more of those States when prohibitory Acts have been ~~Made~~ Passed who having hitherto given Way to the Contaminating influence of that Unrighteous gain, are so inattentive to the Complaints of Nature, the dictates of Justice, the Wholesome Laws of the States under Which they live & the Influential Intimation of their fellow Citizens as to Continue

in the prosecution of said Trade; Could have to that End as we are informed; caused their Vessells to be fitted and Cleared Out for the State of Connecticut; vainly hoping as We apprehend thereby to avoid the Justness of the Laws of the State in Which they live. — The Consideration of these things closely exercising our minds & being encouraged both from the Aid we have made but little progress in your State, & from the Election of the Legislature thereof in promoting of Civil and religious Liberty we are induced to solicit your seasonable Interposition, & that you may be pleased to Enact such Laws, as you in Wisdom shall think Necessary & Essential to prohibit your Inhabitants or Residents from Engaging or Continuing in so Unrighteous & Unchristian, we bearing in Mind that he who is Graciously favouring us with the Enjoyment of Liberty, Civil & Religious, regardeth the Cry of the Oppressed, & requires that We be found in the due Observance of his Solemn Injunction "Whatsoever ye would that "Men should do to you, do ye even so to them"

Signed by order & in behalf of the Representatives of said Meeting in Capacity of a Meeting for Sufferings, at Providence in the State of Rhode Island the 9th of the 9th mo. 1788.

Thomas Arnold Clk

And Moses Brown John Reynolds William Almy Thomas Arnold & Isaac Lawton are appointed to present the Same in behalf of this Meeting as Way Opens, & use their Endeavours to obtain a Law Agreable to the prayer of the Petition. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 8th day of the 10th Mo. 1788. — Present.

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Samp.n Shearman, John Lossey, David Bissell, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Job Scott, Joseph Rogers, Oziel Wilkenson, Shubal Coffin, Thomas Arnold, Benj.a Arnold,

One of the Committee appointed to settle Isaac Lawton's Accts. inform, that it is not yet done, one of the Committee being now absent

on an appointment of this Meeting. — It is refered to the next Meeting for Sufferings, when they are desired to report.

The Committee for spreading publications upon the Subject of the Slave Trade in the State of Connecticut are still continued for that service, and to report to our next Meeting

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th of the 12th mo. 1788. present.

Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, David Buffum, George Comstock, Benj. Arnold, Jr. & 3d, Dan.l Haviland Junr., Sylvester Weeks, Joseph Rogers, Wm. Hiney, Thomas Arnold, John Reynolds, Levi Hunt, Obed Wilkenson.

The Committee appointed in the 9th Mo. last to present our memorial to the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, upon the subject of the Slave Trade, all except one, who gave a satisfactory reason for his non attendance, made report, which is accepted to good satisfaction of this Meeting, and is as follows, and they are desired to present their account of expence to next Meeting.

According to our appointment we proceeded to New haven where the Assembly of Connecticut was sitting, and presented our Memorial. — Friends from New york also present at that time, and one of a Committee from the general association of ministers in that State also presented a memorial, wherein the same subject was recommended to said Legislature; all which being read, we were admitted on the floor of the House, to speak: — and answer to any question respecting the subject before they proceeded to a discussion of the same. — We were favorably received, and a Committee was appointed before whom we were also admitted to speak, to the same subject and in consequence of the several applications an act was passed, a copy of which we herewith present,

Providence 12th & 1st 1788

Moses Brown
Isaac Lawton
John Reynolds
Wm. Hiney

This Meeting being informed that one or more negroes belong

ing to inhabitants of this State, have been transferd to persons living in the State of New Hamshire, and from thence cleared out for the Coast of Africa in order for the Slave Trade; which affecting us with concern, our Friends Joseph Rogers, Ozial Wilkinson, Wm. Almy, Thomas Arnold, and Moses Brown are appointed to make enquiry and inspection into the truth of said information, and to spread such publications upon the subject of the Slave Trade among the inhabitants of that State, as may tend to enlighten them upon that subject, — and prepare the way for a prohibition of said Trade, by a Law or Laws similar to those which have been passed in several of the neighbouring States & make report to next meeting for Sufferings; and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to Jonathan Lame, and request his attention to the subject. ~~

The Committee to settle Isaac Lawton's Acct not having fully settled them, that matter is continued, and they desired to make report to our next Meeting

The Committee appointed to spread publications upon the Slave Trade among the inhabitants of the State of Connecticut having fulfilld their appointment, and a Law, prohibiting said Trade being obtained, are dismissed.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 7th of the 1st Mo. 1789. — Present.

Thomas Hazard, George Comstock, John Casey, Job Scott, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Sampson Shearman, Sylvester Weeks, Oziel Wilkinson, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Jonathan Dame, Elisha Thornton, Levi Hunt, Benj.a Arnold, Dan.l Howland Jun.r, Wm. Almy, Thomas Arnold. Our esteemed Friend Thomas Comstock from the Creek Monthly Meeting in Nine Partners, on a Religious Visit to Friends in these parts also attended this Meeting.

Isaac Lawton presented his account of expences in his Journey to Newhaven as one of a Committee to present our memorial to the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, amounting to £2.12.7. which is allowed, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay him that sum.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Truth of the

Information given to our last Meeting respecting certain vessels clearing out of the state of New Hampshire for the Coast of Guinea in order for the Slave Trade &c. made report that some inspection and enquiry has been made, but not yet fully to satisfaction, where upon that Committee is continued for said service, and to make report to our next Meeting. &c

Job Scott informed this Meeting that having some prospect of publishing the manuscript lately approbated by this Meeting, he was most easy to propose some small alterations if agreeable to the Meeting, whereupon Wm Thng & George Comstock are appointed to view the alterations proposed, and make report to an adjournment of this Meeting &c

This Meeting received the printed at general Epistle from the yearly Meeting of London, which was read to good satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to convey the same to the Quarterly Meeting to meet to morrow, and the further disposal thereof is referred to the adjournment of this Meeting. &c

This Meeting is adjourned to the close of the Quarterly Meeting for Business to begin at this hour to morrow

At the close of the Quarterly Meeting the 9th day met by adjournment, Present the same members as at last meeting

The day being far spent this Meeting adjourns to morrow morning at the 9th hour,

Tenth day met by adjournment. Present the same members as yesterday except Obed Wilkinson who soon after appeared. The matter of Isaac Lanton's visit is again referred to our next Meeting the Committee then to report. — The Committee to view the alteration proposed in Job Scotts manuscript report they have attended thereto, and therewith the alteration for the better, and he is at liberty to print the same as altered, leaving a true copy of the original with this meeting. &c

The manner of communicating the London general Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings coming under consideration. Moses Brown is directed to get a sufficient number for one to each Meeting within the Yearly Meeting printed on the most reasonable Terms he can, and bring to our next meeting for Sufferings.

Thomas Arnold presented an Acct of money paid for Books distributed, amounting to £5.3 which the Treasurer is directed to pay him, — and Jonathan Dame, David Buffum, Levi Hunt, and Dan.l Howland Junr are appointed to receive the remainder of the Books in his hands, and distribute the same in such manner as they think will be most useful.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th of the 3 Mo. 1789. Present.

Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Benj.a Arnold, Obid Williamson, Levi Hunt, Dan.l Howland, Junr, John Reynolds, Wm. Almy, Sylvester Weeks.

The Committee to inspect the circumstances of certain vessells clearing out of the State of New hamshire for the Slave Trade not yet being able to make a conclusive report, that matter is continued under their care, to our next Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed to settle Isaac Lawton's Acct made report that they have settled the same, and find a ballance due to him of £45. 2. 5 for keeping the Yearly Meeting's School, Boarding and sundry supplies for the poor Scholars which is allowed.

Moses Brown reports that he has procured the number of the Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London Comb as directed, and that the cost thereof is £1/ which the Yearly Meetings Treasurer is directed to pay him and they being present were dis-

distributed accordingly.

Several of the Committee to receive the books of Thomas Arnold report that the Committee have received them, and most of which are distributed. —— They are desired to embrace the first opportunities to distribute the remainder usefully, and report when done.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 2d of 4th mo 1789 Present.

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, John Casey, John Reynolds, George Comstock, Benj.n Arnold, Ezek.l Wilkenson, Dan.l Howland, Jun.r Wm. Almy.

The Committee appointed to make some inspection in regard to the Slave Trade being carried on from Newhampshire, not yet being able to report clearly to their satisfaction, they are still continued for that service, and to make report to our next meeting for Sufferings.

Proposals for reprinting by subscription an approved correct edition of the Old and New Testament, with the apocrypha, and marginal Notis, in a quarto volume, being submitted to the consideration of this Meeting, by the Printer Isaac Collins of Trenton, and it appearing upon mighty consideration that such an undertaking is highly Interesting to the People of this Country, and if duly executed will prove of real advantage; it also appearing that our Friends of the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, with many others, having approved and encouraged the said Printer as a suitable Person for the said undertaking: This Meeting being desirous as far as lies with us to encourage so useful a work, do unitedly recommend it to the Monthly Meetings within this yearly Meeting, to appoint suitable persons to promote and receive subscriptions agreeable to the tenor of said proposals and to forward the same to this Meeting as soon as may be in order to be forwarded to the said Printer, —— and the Clerk is directed to forward him a Copy of this Minute to be distributed with the proposals.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 10th of 6th Mo. 1789 Present

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Benj.a Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Jeremiah Hacker, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Sampson Sherman, John Tabor, Abner Hill, Wm. Rotch jun.r, Nathan Bread, Wm. Almy, Moses Brown, Joshua Tulson.

Our Friend James Mott from the Government of New York also attended this Meeting.

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent Moses Brown is appointed Clerk for this time.

Those of the Committee present in the case of sending such Books and Papers as appeared necessary into the State of New-hamshire, on the Subject of the Slave Trade, report, that the same has been done, and that some enquiry having been made respecting Affairs belonging to this State clearing out from that State for the prosecution of the Slave Trade, and no Information having yet been received by this Meeting to establish the fact, that Committee is dismissed.

This Meeting adjourns to the close of the Yearly Meeting

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 16th of the 6th Mo. 1789 present

Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Jethro Mitchell, John Casey, Elisha Thornton, Sampson Sherman, Levi Hunt, Abner Potter, Joseph Rogers, Obed Wilkinson, Nathan Bread, William Rotch Jun.r, Silvester Wickes, Abner Hill, William Almy, Moses Brown, Jacob Mott, Jeremiah Hacker, John Tabor.

Our Friend James Mott from the Government of Newyork also Attended.

It is concluded that this Meeting meet for the Year Ensuing At the same times And places as the preceding Year.

At a meeting for Sufferings held

held at Smithfield upper meting house the 5th day of the 7th m° 17

Present Thomas Hazard, Benj^a Arnold, Jacob Mott,
Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, David Buff
Elisha Thornton, Sampson Shearman, Ozial Wilkinson,
Sylvester Weeks, William Almy, John Cary, George
Comstock, Daniel Howland, jun^r & Thomas Arnold —

This Meeting having Received information that A new edition of A Book Cald piety promoted containing brief memorials of the virtuous Lives services & Dying Sayings of Some of the people Called Quakers was About to be reprinted in England, And apprehending that usefullness would arise from their being more generally diffused do recommend to the Several Monthly Metings to Subscribe for as many of them as their respective members may be free to take and send an account thereof to this Meting as Soon as Convenient, the price delivered in London being Seven Shillings & six pence Sterling money well bound or nine Shillings in Calf & lettered the money to be paid when the books arive & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to Each of the Monthly Metings

Our Friend John Simpson Bucks-county Pensylvania from on A Religious Visit to Friends in New England attended this time. —

At a meting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 14. 9th m° 1789 —
present Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, Thomas Aldrich
Benjamin Arnold, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton,
John Casey, John Reynolds, Silvester Weeks, Ozial Wilkinson
Wm Almy, Thomas Arnold, Levy Hunt,

The Clark informs that he forwarded Copies of the minute of last meting for Sufferings in respect to the Reprinting of A Subscription for piety promoted as directed —

Russell Braly & Jeremiah Austin attended this Meting

with a copy of a Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meting as follows
" Long plane Preparative Meting in their Account inform that it
" had ben under the Confideration of that Meting the Interuption that
" Friends at Acushnet Met within their Mating by Timothy Davice
" & Adherents of his Meting, in One part of Friends Meting house
" There which coming weightily before this Meting, we do appoint
" Russell Braley, & Jeremiah Austin A Committe to represent that
" Matter to the Meting for Sufferings, & request their Interposition
" in behalf of Society: And report to next Monthly Meting. Extracted
" from the Minutes of Sandwich Monthly Meting held at Falmouth
" the 4th of the 9th M° 1789 by Jeremiah Austin Clark"
which, after deliberation & Enquiry of the Friends that Accompany
it, is refered to our next Meting for Sufferings, for further Confide-
-ration. And in the Mean time our Friends Jethro Mitchell
Shubael Coffin & William Rotch Jun^r Members of this Meting
Are requested to get What information they can respecting the
subject of the Monthly Meetings Com^tee Now present, And if Any
thing Appear which they can do by Advice or Otherwise towards
removing the difficulty, or to ripen the matter for this Meting's
further Advice And Assistance, they Are desired to Attend to
the same And report to our Next Meting: And the Clerk is
desired to forward them by Jeremiah Austin a Copy of this Mi-
-nute. This Meting Adjourns to the 5th hour this
Afternoon. —— Afternoon Met by Adjournment.
The same Members present as in the Morning. —
Having deliberated upon the Business before the
Meting this afternoon but it not Appearing best to Act thereon
at Present the Meeting rose. ——

At a meeting for Sufferings held
at Portsmouth for New England the 7th of the 10m° 1789. Present
Thomas Hazard, Benjamin Arnold Jacob Mott Isaac
Lawton, Moses Brown Abner Potter, Samson Sumner

Levi Hunt Silvester Weeks William Almy.

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London of the 6th mo. 1789. was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction And in order that the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings may be supplied therewith this meeting concludes to have 100 copies printed as soon as convenient And Moses Brown is Appointed to have the same done Accordingly And report the Expence thereof to this Meeting.

Nantucket Monthly Meeting having forwarded An Account of the Number of Bibles And of the publications called Piety promoted which they concluded to take Agreeable to former Minutes of this Meeting; but the receiving of such Accounts Appearing likely to cause a Number of Entries upon our Records which may properly be spared, Moses Brown is Appointed to review the same & forward them to the respective Printers.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14th of the 12th mo. 1789. Present. Moses Brown, Thomas Aldrich, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, David Bussum, John Reynolds, Silvester Weeks, Daniel Howland, Levi Hunt, William Almy, Thomas Arnold, Oziel Wilkinson & Benjamin Arnold.

Moses Brown Reports that he has got the London Epistle Printed As directed the Cost whereof is Twenty Shillings which the Treasurer is directed to pay him.

A member of this Meeting by direction of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting having requested the advice of this Meeting in respect to their Clerks complying with A Law of that State which requires A list of Our Marriages to be delivered to the Clerks of their Sessions Annually in Order to be recorded But as that Law is not in force the Consideration thereof

Jo refind to our next meeting in order to procure said Law. — And Levi Hunt is defind to procure said Law or a Copy thereof at that time. —

This meeting Not having any return as yet from the Friends to whom the Matter from Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the 9th mo. was refund, that matter is continued to our next meeting. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 6th of the 1st mo. 1790. — present. Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Benjamin Arnold, Jonathan Dame, Sampson Sherman, Elisha Thornton, John ~~Carey~~ Reynolds Daniel Howland, Samuel Collins, Oziel Wilkinson, Levi Hunt, William Rotch Jor., William Almy, Paul Wing Thomas Arnold. — Our Friend Isaac Everet from Pennsylvania on a religious Visit to Friends in these parts also Attended at this time. —

The subject of the Clerks of our several meetings complying with the Law of the State of Massachusetts requireing Certificates of all Marriages Solemnized Among Friends to be sent up to their Clerk of their Court of Sessions, which was laid before our last meeting At request of Dartmouth monthly Meeting, comeing now under consideration, and the Law of said State being read up & considered it is the sense & Judgement of this meeting that our several Clerks be advised to comply with the requisition of said Law, And that the following form of a Certificate to be made use of on such Occasions be forwarded to the several Monthly meetings within that State, to wit,

The Marriages of { A B of —— with C D of —— upon the —— day of —— D. —— } { were publickly solemnized at a meeting of the People Called quakers in this County according to the form of Marriage commonly used among them as appears of Record

& D E of —— with F G of —— on the —— day of —— D. —— And &c. }

The matter brought up from Sandwich Monthly Meeting respecting the Interruption Friends meet with At Acushnet was taken into Consideration & Several Deeds respecting Friends Title to the meeting house & lott there, read; but it appearing probable that some papers are not yet Obtaind which would give further light in the matter, & more clearly Establish Friends Title than At Present, the Case is referd to our Friend Wm Rotch, Moses Brown, Paul Wing, together with the Comtee from Sandwich monthly meeting; who are desired to make further Search for such papers or Any other Evidence tending to investigate the Title thereto: And otherwise to Labour with & Assist Friends there as truth may open the way, towards removeing said interruptions And make report to this meeting when Accomplished, or in the 4th mo. Next. —— This meeting Adjourns to the close of the Quarterly meeting to meet tomorrow at this place.

Eighth day met by Adjournment, present all the Members as at last Sitting Except John Reynolds who is Absent by reason of Sickness, And Silvester Weeks also Attended At this time. —

A Committee from the monthly Meeting at Uxbridge laid before this meeting A Law of the State of Massachusetts for the Establishment of Schools, which it is Apprehended may expose Friends Schoolmasters in many places to sufferings, & Operate as a Discouragement to the education & Instruction of Friends Children According to our Discipline, which being read Considered pretty fully by Friends present is referd to our Next meeting for Sufferings for further Consideration & disposal. ——

At a Meeting for sufferings held at Providence the 8th of the 3mo. 1790 ... present. —

Present. Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, David Buffum, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold, John Casey Oziel Wilkinson, Silvester Weeks, William Rotch Jun, Levi Hunt, William Almy, Thomas Arnold, John Reynolds.

Part of the Comtee upon the Matter from Sandwich month-ly meeting informing this meeting that they have attended to that matter; But nothing further is Obtained of Consequence relative to the Subject of their Appointment: And it being the Opinion of said Comtee that further Application or inspection will not at this time tend to usefulness, they Are therefore dismiss'd. And it is recommended to Friends of that meeting to Labour for a quiet & patient resignation under their present Suffering Situation, And if Any thing for their relief shall open upon their minds to pro-pose to the quarterly meeting for their Assistance or Sending forward to the Yearly meeting for their Advice that they Carry it forward. And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

One of the Comtee from uxbridge Monthly meeting informing that the matter brought up from that Monthly Meeting respecting Schools was in a likely way to be Answered by the general Court of Massachusetts to Friends Satisfaction, that matter is therefore referd to our next meeting for Sufferings.

This meeting Adjourns to the third hour this Afternoon

Afternoon met by Adjournment. — And after considering of several Matters rose.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Eastgreenwich for New England the 7th of the 4th m. 1790. Present

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, George Comstock, Job Scott, Benjamin Arnold,

Sampson Sherman, John Casey, John Reynolds, Dan
Howland Jun. Levi Hunt & Thomas Arnold. ——

The matter brought up from uxbridge Monthly meeting & continued from last ~~monthly~~ meeting for Sufferin coming under Consideration, & this meeting not being fully informed what is done, if Any thing by the General Court of Massachusetts in that matter, it is again referd to our next meeting for Sufferings: And George Comstock is desired to make enquir in that matter And report to said Meeting. ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth for New England the 9th of the 6th mo. 1790 present

Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, George Comstock, David Buffum, Job Scott, Sampson Sherman, John Tabor, William Almy Abner Hill. Thomas Arnold & Jacob. Mo

Our Friends Daniel Offley And John Morton from Philade phia, Benjamin Sweat from the Jerseys, And Daniel Bonne from New York also Attended this Meeting. ——

The Subject of the Slave trade Under its present si ation & circumstances in New-England, and particularly in this State was revived, in this Meeting, with a Lively Concern fo its suppression; — And Desires were raised with renewed En gagement that neither the Efforts or Engagements of othe ~~of those without ceasing~~, in the behalf of those our in jured fellow men, who are the Subjects of that trade, no any Discouragements or Difficulties may prove A Cause Relaxation in Friends minds in their behalf: but that Friends Concern, and Labour as way Offer for it, may be kept alive And Active for their Relief. ——

George Comstock reports that he has made Enqui in regard to the doing of the General Court of Massechuse in Respect to Education and Schools as Directed by last mee but has not been Able to get the Necessary Informat with Sufficient Citainty, and as Other Members of this Meeting from that State may be expected to attend

the Adjournment of this Meeting from whom that information may probably be had; the Consideration of that matter is referd to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 7th hour tomorrow Morning —

10th Day met by Adjournment present the same Members as Yesterday, Except David Buffum, and Jeremiah Hacker & Benjamin Arnold also attended at this time

The present State of the Yearly Meeting School and its funds Coming under consideration of this Meeting; and being informd that some doubts have been Expressd whether by the Discontinuance of the Sd School the Grant from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has not become Void, but this Meeting Apprehending they are not Authorised to Exercise that Judgment and Discretion to the Surrendering or Conveying any part of the principle of the funds of Sd School, by Virtue of the Trust and Power Committed to them as School Comtee — Submit the Consideration thereof to the Yearly Meeting. ——

No further Information in regard to what the General Court of Massachusetts may have done in Respect to An Amendment of their Act for the support of Education and Schools; that Matter is therefore referd to our next Meeting for Sufferings, and George Comstock is desird to make further Enquiry in regard to what they may have done and Report to Next meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is Directed to lay the Records of the Doings of this Meeting the year past before the Ensuing Yearly Meeting. ——

And this Meeting Adjourns to the Close thereof —

15th day met by Adjournment present Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Job Scott, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Abner Potter

Silvester Weeks Daniel Howland Daniel Aldrich Oziah Wilkinson William Rotch Junr Wm Almy Levi Hunt Sampson Sherman George Shove —

This Meting adjourns to the 3 hour Afternoon the day of the select Meting before the quarterly Meting Next — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 11th of the 8th mo 1790 presaent. — — Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, Sampson Sherman, Job Scott, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, Abner Potter, Levi Hunt, George Shove, Thomas Arnold, — —

George Comstock Reports that upon Enquiry he is informed by A member of the Gineral Court of Massachusetts that it has bun Moved in that Legislature to Amend the Act Praviding for Schools & Education, so as to be more Agreable to Friends & that it was continued to the Next Sefsion there of; but that nothing appears yet to bandon, Wherefore he together with our friends George Shove Levy Hunt, & Moses Brown is appointed to make further Enquiry & Inspection in the Matter, and if an Amendment Satisfactory to Friends is not likely to be obtained by their Indeavors With the Members they are desired to Prepare an Essay of an Adress or Petition to the General Court upon that subject & Report to Next Meting — — — —

The Meting having Considered on some further Matters Proposed for Consideration — — Adjourns to the third hour afternoon the day of the Select Meting before the Quarterly Meting Next at Smithfield — — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 6th of the 10th mo 1790 Present, — — — — Thomas Hazard Thomas Aldrich Moses Brown Isaac Lawton, Jr Job Mott, Sampson Shearman, George Comstock, David Bullsum, Elisha Thornton, Daniel Aldrich Job Scott, Oziah Wilkinson, Sylvester Weeks, Daniel Howland, Levy Hunt, William Almy, Thomas Arnold. — —

Several of the Committee appointed to Make Inspection into the Law of the State of Massachusetts Respecting Schools & Education Reported that by Enquiry they find the Matter has been Moved in the house of Representatives, to Amend said Act, & that it Appears Likely the Amendment will take place at the Next Session of the Assembly, — — Whereupon that matter is rested Under the Care of the first Committee who are Desired to report at our next Meeting after the next General Court, or sooner if they think Necessary This Meting Adjourns to the Second third day in next month then to Meet at Providence at the tenth hour in the Morning — —

At a Meting for Sufferings held at Providence by Adjournment the 9th of the 11th mo. 1790. Present ---- Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, George Comstock, Jacob Mott, Silvester Wilks, Levi Hunt, William Almy, David Buffum Thd. Arnold & John Reynolds, ---

Moses Brown Laid before this Meting a Letter he Recd from a Comtee of the Congregational Ministers in the Commonwealth of Maseachusetts, dated the 24 of the 6th mo. desired, by him, to be Communicated to the representative body of Friends or the yearly Meting which Appearing to this Meeting to be more properly a Subject of the Consideration of the yearly Meting. It is therefore referd to the Yearly Meeting for Consideration & disposal, & Moses Brown is desired to Lay the same before the Yearly Meting in the Early part there of.

This Meeting Adjourns to half after 2, O'Clock this Afternoon. ---

Afternoon Met by Adjournment present the same Members as in the Morning

Several Extracts of a bill proposed to be Enacted into A Militia Law By the United States in Congress, being Laid before this Meting, whereby if passed into Anact, it Appears Friends will be exposed to suffer an Act of Our Religious Testamony Against War wherefore Thd. Hazard, Moses Brown & David Buffum, Are Appointed to procure a ~~Copy~~ a Coppy of Said Bill, & to Speak with the Members of Congress from this State & Others as Opportunity offers, Upon that Subject. And Make report to our next Meeting. ---

The printed general Epistles from the yearly Meting of London was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, & William Almy is desired to git a Suitable number printed for Each Meting One --

The Yearly Meeting having Referd to this Meeting the Negotiation with Rhodes Island Monthly Meeting in Regard to the Continuance -- or Discontinuance of their donation to the yearly Metings School, & this Meeting being desirous to know whither it be the Intention & desire of that Monthly Meeting in the Donation Aforesd. that the Same be Continued & Aplied to the Support of the yearly Meting School provided the Same be Again Opened on Rhode Island as Soon as there Shall be Sufficient funds Colected to Enable this Meeting to do it, or whither the intention & Expectation of Sd Monthly Meting is that the Same be discontinued as forfeited by the present discontinuance of Sd School, Our Fd. Jacob Mott, is desired to Lay a Copy of this Minute before Sd Monthly Meeting, and they Are Desired to Communicate their Intention and desire as above to this Meeting, in Order to Enable this Meeting more Usefully to Conclude upon the Measures necessary to be Adopted in Regard to Said School and funds in future. ---

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12 of the 1st mo. 1791 ---

Present

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton Benjn Arnold

David

David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Daniel Aldrich,
Job Scott, John Reynolds, Silvester Wecks, Sampson Sherman, Oz
Wilkinson, Daniel Howland Jun.r William Almy, Levi Hunt, Moses B
Thomas Arnold, Jacob Mott, Several of the Comt.ee Appointed to speak
with the members of Congress from these parts to Improve Opportunity Offered re
specting the Militia bill, Report, whereby it Appear that Several M
bers have been Treated with, who have manifested a Disposition Fa
ly to our Society & their Religious Testimony as Affected by said Bi

And this Meeting Taking into serious Consideration that
said Bill for Organizeing the militia of the United States, if en
ted into A Law, Friends may be liable to be brought under Sufferin
for our Religious Testimony. And it Appearing to be the Sence of thi
Meeting that Friends will be ——— in the line of duty to
forward an address or memorial to Congress, laying before them ou
Religious Testimony and the liability of sufferings on Account of
Conscientious Attention thereto, Whereupon Moses Brown, Job Sc.tt,
Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Tho.s Arnold, & William Almy, Are
Appointed to prepare An Essay of an Address for that purpose &
Bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting. Also to prepare an Esse
of An Answer to the Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings in Phila
phia now Rec.d & lay before this Meeting as soon as Way opens for it

This Meeting Adjourned to the Close of the Quarterly Meetin
of Business tomorrow. ———

13.th day Met by Adjournment. Present The same Mem
as Yesterday, Except Oziel Wilkenson, The Comt.ee Reported an Es
of an address or memorial to Congress, which has been Considered &
some Amendments made & this meeting Adjourned untill the 11.th ho
tomorrow ———

14.th day met by adjournment present the same members as
at last Setting, & Oziel Wilkenson Attended at this time. —
The Meeting Resumed the Consideration of the Essay which after
some further Amendments was Approved of & Signed by the Cle
as follows:— To the President, the Senate and the House of Rep
sentatives of the United States in Congress assembled. ———

The Address & memorial of the Meeting for
Sufferings, Representatives of the Religious Society of the People

People called Quakers in New England. ——

Being Appointed by the aforesd People to take care of the affairs of the Society, and especially in cases of suffering that may arise thro' a faithful attention to our religious Testimony; We apprehend, we shall not faithfully discharge the trust and confidence reposed in us by our brethren, nor the duty which as faithful subjects, we owe to the Government under which we enjoy many privileges, and which we more especially owe to Almighty God, from whom we receive every blessing, without endeavouring, in a respectful manner, to lay before you our sense, on some parts of a Bill published by direction of the House of Representatives, that the publick sentiments might obtained on the subject; Entitled a Bill more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States; —— And what we believe to be that line of Conduct in regard to the subject matter thereof, which we are commanded by the divine Author of our Religion to pursue. —

This Bill, which in Sect. 2d exempts all persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing Arms from the military duties therein pointed out, in Sect. 16th requires those persons who are exempted for the above reasons to pay the sum of two dollars Annually, into the publick Treasury; and on failure thereof to be enrolled, and required to do the same Military duties, from which by the 2d Sect. they seem to have been exempted. —— We are fully persuaded that, that spirit which leads to war & fighting is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel agreably to the Apostle "From whence came wars and fightings among you? came they not hence, even of your lusts, that war in your members? Jame. chap 4th verse 1st" That the Doctrines of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ revealed in the heart and Conscience, and confirmed by his precepts in the Scriptures of Truth, teacheth us to bear Injuries and to suffer persecution, rather than to have recourse to violence and shedding of Blood. —— Our Society have therefore uniformly declined the use of Arms, and the Art of war. —— And believing ourselves thus commanded by the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, we cannot so far acknowledge the Right of any Tempora-

power

power, to supercede or interfere with his Commands, as volunt
to pay any consideration for the liberty of yielding obedience there
Thus Testimony we hold more precious than any Te
poral Right, whatever, the free exercise whereof, we have alwa
esteemed one of the rights of Conscience, and which so far a
respects training in the Militia, has been Recognized in
many of the United States, as included in real Liberty of
Conscience, which we conceive was not, in any degree, mea
to be infringed by the Powers delegated to the General Gove
ment, by the Constitution of the United States: Expressly for
to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves, and our Posterity
Having thus briefly Stated the Testimony which has been gi
us to bear, in regard to the peaceable Kingdom of Christ o
Earth, we submit it to your serious Consideration; — Fervently
desireing that you may be guided, in your deliberations by that
wisdom which seeks the happiness of all mankind; having an
eye to ward that more improved State of Society, in which the
the influence of the Spirit of the Prince of Peace, and the prevalen
of true Civilization, the Sovereign Powers of this world shall
more hold themselves at liberty, the strong to oppress the weak
by the sword and by Violence, than Individuals in Civil Society n
are to seek redress or revenge, by those means which were use
the state of Nature; And that we may be enabled, in meek
ness and Patience, to meet that dispensation of suffering or
Joy, which may be the result of your determination, and of our fa
ful Obedience to the Dictates of Conscience. ———

We are Respectfully your Friends —
Signed by order of the Said Meeting held at
Providence for New England the 14th of the
1st Mo 1791 ———

by Thomas Arnold Clerk

And Job Scott, Thomas Arnold, & Wm King are Appointed to forw
it

It to the Care of such Friends as they think suitable; with this meetings request that they would cause it to be presented in such manner as they shall think best, And in case it shall come to hand out of season, that they Exercise their Own Discretion to present it or not as they shall think proper ———

William Almy Reports that he has procured a Number of the London Epistles Printed Agreable to the Directions of this meeting the Cost whereof being £1-3-6 the Treasurer is directed to pay him ——

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Greenwich the 6th of the 4th Mo 1791 ——— Present

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Ross Brown, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, David Buffum George Comstock, John Jabez, Benjamin Arnold Sampson Shearman, John Reynolds Sylvester Weeks, Daniel Haviland, Levi Hunt William Almy, Thomas Arnold ———

Two of the Friends appointed to forward the address to Congress on the Militia Bill to the care of some Friends at Philadelphia Report they have forwarded the same & have Rec.d an Acknowledgement of the Rect thereof and that it arrived Seasonable to be presented to Congress which we are Informed was Accordingly Done ———

This Meeting Rec.d a Copy of a minute from Rhode-Island monthly meeting in Answer to the proposition of this meeting by their minute in the 4th m.o last. — as follows — Dear Friends,

Having rec.d your Copy of a minute of the 11m.o last inquiring of our Intention & Design in our donation to the Yearly meeting School, we may now inform that it was ment towards the support of said School so long as it continued to be held on Rhode Island and we now Consider it as reverted from the time said School ceased to be kept, & should now kindly accept of a reconveyance" Signed in behalf of said meeting by Samuel Thurston Clerk ——— Whereupon it is the sense of this meeting that said request be Complied with & in order thereto John Reynolds Silvester Weeks & Levi Hunt ——— are Appointed to make an Equitable Settlement with said meeting in regard to said Point Estate, in behalf of this meeting as School Cont.ee as well in regard to the mode of collecting the monies which were included in said meetings grant and still remains for the back rents & those due for the time said School was kept up, as for what has been Rec.d & Expended on said Estate. And report to this Meeting in the 6th Mo

Next

Next — & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to Rho
Island Monthly meeting. ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly
meeting for business to begin here tomorrow ——

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting the Day bein
far spent Adjourned to the 8th hour tomorrow morning ——

9th Day Met by Adjournment present—

Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac
Lawton, Jacob Mott Sampson Shearman, David Buffum
Benjamin Arnold, John Reynolds, Levi Hunt, Silvester Wes
George Comstock, John Tabor, Daniel Howland, Thos Arnold
William Almy, John Casey. ——

This Meeting having rec.d information that the History
of Friends lately written & now Publishing, by our Friend
John Gough is nearly compleated, and being desirous that
Friends may have an opportunity of supplying them-
selves with the same, it being represented to us to be a
Valuable performance; recommend to Friends to enter
into a Subscription and forward to this Meeting the Num
ber of setts, it is likely may be wanted by Friends and
others, which when rec.d this Meeting will take care to pro
cure, the price being as near as we can collect about
Eight Shillings each volume four of which make a sett
We are also informed that the Bible now printing by Isa
Collins is likewise nearly compleated, Friends are therefore
desired to pay attention to promote subscriptions for so
Necessary a Book, which we are informed appears to be
Correctly printed, and send up the Number subscribed by
friends and others, to the person mentioned in our former r
commendation —— Also that the Books called
Piety promoted are now ready to be del.d Such Friends there
fore as have subscribed or Incline ——
—— to have them, by calling upon the Friend appo
te may receive them & the Clerk is Directed to forw

a Copy of this Minute to each monthly Meeting.—

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island for New England the 8th day of the 6 Mo 1791.

Present Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton Moses Brown Jeremiah Hacker, David Buffum, Danl Aldrich, Jethro Mitchel, John Tabor Jos Rogers Sampson Shearman Danl Howland Junr Abner Hill Paul Wing, Levi Hunt, Job Scott Wm Almy——

The Clerk being Absent.—Wm Almy is appointed Clk for this time.—

This Meeting After conversing on divers Subjects, Adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon, Mett by Adjournment, Present the same members as in the morning, excepting David Buffum with Thos Hazard & William Rotch Junr, Our Friend Hugh Judge on a Religious Visit also attended at this time.—

Three of the Committee in the Case of the Massachusetts School Act Reports that on enquiry it appears the said Act is not executed, and that amendments have been proposed in their Assembly, but not yet affected.— It is therefore concluded by this Meeting not to apply at present as a body to the legislature.— yet in order that the members of that Body may know what amendments would be agreeable to Friends, Danl Aldrich Wm Rotch Junr John Tabor, William Almy are appointed to make out such proposed amendments, that the members of this Meeting belonging to that state may lay copies thereof before there Representatives, and request there attention to the Subject, said Committee to report as soon as accomplish'd.——

It appearing necessary to this Meeting that some provision be made to accomodate Friends at the ensueing yearly Meeting Daniel Howland Junr Wm Rotch Junr Jethro Mitchell Levi Hunt, & Wm Almy. are appointed to take the necessary care in that respect, and report the expence thereof to this Meeting as soon as the same is ascertained——

This Meeting adjourns to the Close of the enjueing yearly Meeting.——

At A Meting for Sufferings held at Newport the 15th of the 6th mo 1791. Present Thomas Hazard, Job Scott, Jacob Mott, Benj.a Arnold, David Bussum, Daniel Aldrich, Jeremiah Hacker, Moses Brown, Elisha Thornton, Jethro Mitchel, Sampson Shearman, John Taber, John Reynolds, Rubail Coffin, Daniel Howland Junr., Levi Hunt, Abner Hill, Paul Wing, Joseph Rogers, Wm. Almy, Wm. Rotch Junr. and Paul Rogers who was Appointed at the last Yearly Meting. ——

It Appearing necesary that some application be made to the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island for an addition to the Laws against the Slave Trade or such other mode of preventing that unrighteous traffic as may appear Profitter; we appoint Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Daniel Howland Junr., David Bussum, & Sampson Shearman, to make such application as they may think best on behalf of this Meting provided they find it necesary previous to our next Setting. ——

It is Concluded that the Times for holding this Meting the Ensuing Year be as follows, at the third hour of the day of Rhode Island Quarterly Select Meting at the place of Said Meeting, and at Providence at the 10. hour of the 2. 3 Day in the 9th, 12th & 3d month and at the time of the first Setting of the Select Yearly Meting at the 4th hour afternoon.— The Committee Appointed to make provision for the accomodation of friends at the Yearly-meeting, Report they have expended £26. 5. 3/ which the Treasurer is desired to Pay to Wm. Rotch Junr. — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth 10th, 8th mo 1791. Present. Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Benjamin Arnold, David Bussum, Moses Brown, Daniel Aldrich, Job Scott, John Reynolds, Sampson Shearman, Levi Hunt, Silvester Weeks, George Comstock, Wm. Rotch Junr. & Thomas Arnold, this Meting was also attended by our beloved friend Thomas Scattergood from Philidelphia. — — The Committee appointed Last Meting Informs that application has been made to the General Assembly and a Law procured which they Suppose sufficient to Enable the Society Incorporated for the Abolition of the Slave Trade to prosecute the Law of the State of Rhode Island to prevent the Slave Trade. — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 13th of the 9th Mo 1791. Present

Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Elisha Thornton, David Buffum, Daniel Aldrich, Benja Arnold, John Casey, John Reynolds, Job Scott, Wm Almy, & Thomas Arnold. ———

One of the Committee appointed to make a Settlement in behalf of this Meeting with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in Respect to the Point Estate, Reported that they have attended to that matter and met a Committee of Rhode Island monthly Meeting but have not yet been able to effect a Settlement. — Wherefore they are Continued to accomplish their Appointment And are hereby Empowered to Include in their Settlement every Expence upon the Meeting house Relative to Setting up & Supporting the Yearly Meeting School on Rhode Island and Wm Almy, and John Casey, are added to the Committee who are desired to report as soon as may be. — This Meeting Rec. the Printed General Epistle and the within Epistle to our yearly Meeting, from the Yearly meeting held in London this year, which were Read to Satisfaction & Comfort — The further disposure where of is referd to our next Meeting. — The Clark is desired to write the Clark of the Yearly Meeting requesting him to forward by our Meeting in the 10th month the Last Yearly Meeting Minutes for the use of this Meeting. —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 11th of the 10th Mo 1791.

Present. Thomas Hazard, Moses Brown, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, John Casey, Job Scott, Daniel Howland junr, Daniel Aldrich, Jeremiah Hacker, Levi Hunt, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Aldrich, Benjamin Arnold, Jacob Mott, Jethro Mitchel, Sampson Shearman, Silvester Wells, & Wm Almy. — The printed Epistle from London being under Consideration Thomas Arnold is appointed to procure about one hundred of them printed for the use of the Several Meetings belonging to the Yearly meting, and Report to this meeting when done. — The Committee Continued to Settle with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting the Point Lotts &c. made report which is Accepted and is as follows ——— According to our appointment we have attended to the Settlement of the Expenditures relating to the repairing the meeting house at Portsmouth made in order to accomodate the Yearly Meting School, and those which have been Incurred by the recovery of Certain Lotts Contained in the grant from Rhode Island Monthly meeting and have agreed with said Monthly Meeting Committee to Relinquish all Claim upon said meeting for the Expenditures above said

In Consideration of the Rents now due and arising upon the Lotts Contained in Said Mulings Grant up to the 25th of the 3d mo 1791. and that the instriment by which that grant was made be given up when A Sufficient Power be given to the Muting for Sufferings as School Committe or to Some person by them Appointed to Collect and Recover the Rents afore Said

Newport 28th 9th mo 1791. Signed John Casey, —
John Reynolds.
Sylvester Wickes } Com.
Wm Almy

This muting Rec. the Minutes of the two last Yearly Metings from the 6th of the Yearly Muting. — This Muting Adjourns to the Close of the quarterly Meeting for buseinss to begin at this Place tomorrow. — 13th day met by Adjournment Present the Same Members as at Last Muting. — After Some Deliberation & nothing Sour appearing ripe to act upon the Muting Rose. — ——

At a Muting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the 1st mo 1792. Present. Thomas Hazard, Thomas Aldrich, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Sampson Shearman, David Buffum, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, Wm Rotch Junr, John Reynolds, Daniel Haviland Junr, Silvester Wicks, Levi Hunt, Wm Almy, Job Scott, Moses Brown, & Thomas Arnold; — Thomas Arnold reports that he has procured about one hundred Copies of the London Epistle printed as directed at Last muting, and that the Cost thereof is twenty four Shillings which the Treasurer is desired to pay him and that the Clerk is directed to distribute and forward to the Several Monthly Mutings. — — — A Power of Attorney was presented to this Muting Signed by John Gould, Thomas Gould Sampson Shearman & Wm Lee, Trustees of the joint Estate, Empowering Moses Brown as Treasurer of the Yearly Muting School to Collect and Receive the Rents due on those Lotts granted for the Support of the yearly Muting School up to the 25th of the 3d mo 1791. which Power of Attorney is Accepted by this Muting and the Treasurer is hereby desired to deliver up to Said Monthly Muting of Rhode Island or their Committe or Trustees the Instrument of which the aforesaid grant of Said joint Lotts was made. —

This Muting Rec. An Epistle from the Muting for Sufferings in New York Containing Several propositions for our Concideration, whereupon Wm Rotch Junr, Wm Almy, Daniel Haviland Junr are appointed to take the same into Consideration & prepair an Essay of An Answer thereto and present to the Adjournment of this Muting. — This Muting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Muting to Meet at this house tomorrow, at the Close of Said Muting they met but no Special buseinss Appearing they Adjourn to meet at the usual time. —

At a Meting for Sufrings held at Providence the 13th of the 3d 1792, Present Thomas Aldrich, Moses Brown, Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Sampson Sherman, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold, Silvester Weeks, Levi Hunt Wm Almy Thomas Arnold, & John Casey. — The Clark Reports that he has forwarded the London Epistle to the Several Monthly Metings as directed at Last Meting. —

This Meting haveing deliberated on divers Subjects that Came before it, Adjourned to the 3 hour this afternoon. — Afternoon met by Adjournment present the Same Members as in the morning. — The Committee heretofore appointed to prepare an Essay of an Answer to the Epistle read from the meting for Sufrings in Philadelphia; Presented one which was read and with Some alterations approved of and is directed to be presented by the Clark and signed by order and inbehalf of this Meting. —

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to prepare an Essay of an answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufrings at New York also presented one which with Some additions was approved of and is directed to be Transcribed and Signed in Like manner by the Clark. —

At a Meting for Sufrings held at East Greenwich the 11th of the 4th 1792. Present. Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Aldrich, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Elisha Thornton, John Casey, John Reynolds, Job Scott, George Comstock, Levi Hunt, George Shove, Dan. Aldrich Daniel Howland Junr, Silvester Weeks, Wm. Almy, & Thomas Arnold, —

Moses Brown Communicates to this meting some remarks which he has made upon A pamphlet writen by Samuel Shipland Containing three Letters upon the Subject of Baptism which was presented to our last meting and Left for Consideration where upon John Casey, George Comstock, Isaac Lawton, Elisha Thornton Daniel Howland Junr, David Buffum, Wm Almy, & Thomas Arnold, are appointed to take said remarks in to Solid Consideration and Confer with the Author, and report in what manner they apprehend the Same may best be disposed of and report to the adjournment of this Meting; this meting Adjourns to the 2d third day in next month then to meet at Providence at the tenth hour. —

At a Meting for Sufrings held at Providence the 8th of the 5th 1792. Present. Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Job Scott, Daniel Howland Junr, John Casey, Silvester Weeks, Levi Hunt, Wm Almy, & Thomas Arnold, — — The Friends appointed to Consider of the Remarks upon Samuel Shepherds three Letters laid before the Meting by Moses Brown Report that they have Examined & Considered the Same, and that they approved there-of, and think they may be usefully published; and this meting on hearing the Same read

Also approves thereof, and that the same be printed under the direction of this Meeting as soon as he shall be fully satisfyed to publish the same. — And in that Case Thomas Arnold & Wm. Almy are Appointed to over see the Prop. —

This Meting Adjourns to half after three O Clock this afternoon. —

Afternoon met by Adjournment, present the same members as in the morning Job Scott, Laid before this meting a manuscript upon the Subject of Christs Baptism which being read in part it is Concluded to be reserd to a Committee & Moses Brown Thomas Arnold, Wm. Almy, Daniel Howland, & David Buffum are appointed carefully to Examine and Inspect the same and to point out Such alterations or amendments to the Author may Judge necesary in Case it should appear to them proper for this meting to Encourage the same being printed and to report their sences & Judgment there on to our next meeting. — This meting Adjourns to 4th day preceding the Yearly meeting at the 7th hour in the morning at Portsmouth. — — — — —

From our Meting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 13th of the 3mo 1792. —

To the Meting for Sufferings in Philadelphia. —

Dear Friends.

At the Subject of our address to Congress on the Militia bill was under Consideration when your Acceptable Epistle of the 11th mo 1790. was rec^d and read in our meeting, that Encouragement you mention as mutually arising from our brotherly Intercourse heretofore was measurably experienced in promoting our attention to Compleating and forwarding our address to Congress. — Which we mention for your Incouragement to Continue your Epistilary Correspondance when ocation may offer; — By an Epistle Lately Rec^d from the Meting of Sufferings at New York they have proposed to our Consideration the propriety and usefullness of mutual Communication of Information when any book is proposed to be reprinted or manuscript published effecting the testamony of or which may be thought usefull to our society unless the ocation should be such as to render it most advisable first to proceed therein, in which Case the Earliest Information there of may prove satisfactory and usefull. — We take the Liberty to sugest the same to you, As we believe the keeping up of Correspondance as the ocations may from time to time point out the Earliest Information of any Important Transaction and Especially such as Interests the Publick at large in the knowledge and Consideration where of will promote

The Object of those Concerns wherein we are naturally Interested by the United Love of the truth and its precious Cause of Peace & Righteousness on Earth.

The suppression of the Unrighteous Commerce to Affrica for Slaves has not escaped our attention; since the rec.d of your Epistle, Application has been made to the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island for such Addition to the Laws Enacted as would tend to that desirable object and some useful Amendments was procured, But it is with Concern and grief that we yet discover divers in this State to be so hardened in their minds as to Continue the traffic in Creation, if not Defyance of the Laws, both Humane & Divine, & Sorrowfull as the Case is, being actuated by the Lust of gain there is Little to hope of their Relinquishing the trade untill their prospects are rendred less Lucrative, to this purpose we apprehend A prohibitory Law of the General Assembly Government would much Contribute the present State of Affairs Affecting as it is to Contemplate, we trust will by the turning and overturning of the Lord in his unsearchable Wisdome Tend to Diffuse an Increase of that Light which has so evidently Illuminated the minds of many in the present day on this Important subject and will ever truly Contribute to Establish yet more permanently the Rights of Man. And a Confidence in the Lords Invisible Arm. — Subscriptions for the Edition of the Bible printed by Isaa Collins have been sent up from nearly all our Meetings, but the A.c of the history of our society by John Goff that has yet Come to hand, is so Small as not to render an Importation from Ireland an Object, yet there are a few Wanted which if they Could be supplied surplus you may Receive would be acceptable the want of Information from time to time of the progress of this work having Left friends mostly Strangers to it and Sewels History most generally Spread among friends, We Apprehend to be the occation of the small demand at present the Death of its Valuable author is much to be Lamented, Our friends David Buffum & Job Scott Members of this Meeting are with the unity of Friends on a Religious Visit to the People of the State of Connecticut and parts Adjacent and by Accounts they meet with a willing Reception which with some other late Instances manifest a much greater liberality of Sentiment to our Society than the history of former times afford which is indeed Cause of thankfullness to the Father of Mercies. —

In Love we Conclude your friends & Brethren. Signed in behalf & by order of Said Meeting by. — — — Thomas Arnold Clk.

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To the Meting for Sufferings in New York

Dear Friends

Your Brotherly Epistle of 10th mo last we duly Rec.,
And it is with satisfaction we observe your Concern for the more frequent
Intercorse betwan us, believeing with you that it would tend to our Edifycat.
by promoting the general harmony and union of Society. — We Likewise
believe that A Communication of Sentiments relative to the publishing any
Concerning our Christian testimony, may often times be usefull, particular-
-ly when such publications may be Equally Interesting and usefull to the differ-
-ent Branches of our several Metings, we have therefore Suggested this Idea to the
Meting for Sufferings at Philadelphia the Sentiment you have of republishing the
Epistle alluded to in yours, meets our Brotherly Concurrence believeing that usefull
will be derived from the Subject there of being often transmitted to the rising
generations in regular succession. — We Suggest to your Consideration the
propriety of an Alteration of the Paragraft reading 9m 10m 11m & 12m so
follows altho the other 4 Names the 9th 10th 11th & 12th were before the alteration
of the Calender by Act of Parlement in 1751. in July Called September,
October, November, & December, as being then their Numerical Names
but Mistaken in rendering the Latter name of 9th mo Viz September Improper
to apply now to the 9th mo and so of the rest therefore it is Recommended to
Attend to the numerical names of the whole as being most Antient which ap-
-pears from the practice of the Jews before the Babelonish Captivity and is most
plain simple Rational & Proper. — We believe our several Meting
yet pretty well Supplyed from our last distribution of that Epistle yet if you
are not printed We should like to have 1000 Copies Sent us with the above
mentioned Paragraft Substituted by way of note in the room of that in the
Epistle and as the Epistle will be Long we should prefer its going out with as
short a Recommendation, if any, as may be just to Signify the Publication
to be by order of the meting for Sufferings for the information of the Youth of
our own and other Societies — The time being fixed for holding our
Meting for Sufferings for the present year — your Suggestion of the usefullness
of our more frequent meeting will be referred for the consideration of our meet-
-ing in the 6th mo next, In Love we Conclude your friends & Brethren.
Signed by order & on Behalf of our meting for Sufferings held at Providence for New England the 13 - 3d mo 1799. by Thos Arnold Clk.

At a Meeting for Suffering held at Portsmouth for New England the 6th day of the 8mo 1792 Present Isaac Lawton, Joshua Hulbert, Jacob Mott, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, George Comstock, Jethro Mitchell, Daniel Aldrich, John Casey, Samuel Shearman, Job Scott, Jos. Rogers, Abner Hill, John Jabez Paul Rogers, Wm Almy, David Buffum, & Jeremiah Hacker,

The Clark being absent Wm Almy is appointed Clark for this time;

Part of the Committee appointed to inspect a Manuscript Presented by Job Scott, Inform that they have all paid some attention to their appointment, but are not yet ready to Report, that matter is therefore referd under their care — They to Report to Next Meeting after the Yearly meeting, & George Comstock & Isaac Lawton are added to the Committee. —

It appearing necessary to this Meeting that some provision be made in order to accommodate Friends at the ensewing Yearly Meeting Jethro Mitchell, Jacob Mott, George Comstock, & William Almy, are appointed for that service, to Report the expence there of to the Adjournment of this Meeting at the Close of the Yearly Meeting. — — This Meeting upon deliberate Consideration are Impressed with a belief that the Reappointment of it, if thought well of by the Yearly Meeting, would tend to its usefullness, in pursuing In future the Objects of its Institution. —

Moses Brown inform'd this Meeting that a part of the Bibles Printed by Isaac Collins of Trenton, which have been subscribed for by Friends & Others are now come, he is desirous to Forward them and the Others as they come to hand to the Monthly Meetings, who have enterd Into subscriptions for them, or to direct those who have the care of them at New York or Philidelphia to send them to the places most Convenient for the Subscribers to get Supplied, —

This Meeting adjourns to the time agreed on at the close of the Yearly Meeting, this afternoon being the 3 hour. — —

3 hour afternoon met according to appointment; Friends generally present as in the forenoon except some on Committee. — —

No Buisness appearing now necessary to enter on the minutes further than what is contained in the minutes of this forenoon, this Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Yearly Meeting at New York. — —

At the close of the Yearly Meeting at Newport the 12th of 6mo 17
Meeting mett according to adjournment the Following Friends have
been Appointed by the Yearly Meeting, Members of the Meeting for
Sufferings, Viz - Thomas Hazard, Jeremiah Austin, Henry Oliver,
John Casey, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Arnold, John Taber, Paul
Crane, David Buffum, Job Scott, Jacob Holt, Jeremiah Austin Jun
John Winslow, Georg Comestock, Wm Hmy, Paul Rogers, James
Davis, Daniel Aldrich, Joseph Douglass, Benjamin Buffington,
Jethro Mitchel, Amos Collins, Rumington Hobbs, Elisha Harris,
Silvester Weeks, William Rotch Junr, were all present.

Our Friend Geo. Churchman from Pensylvania Yearly Meeting
Attended at this time. - Thomas Arnold is appointed Clerk to the
Meeting this Year. - - - - - The Committee appointed to make some
provision for the accommodation of Friends at the Yearly Meeting re-
port that they have attended to that service & that the amount
of the Expenses then of, Including two pounds which remaines un-
paid of the expence of last Year, is £37.14.9 - which the Treasurer
of the Yearly Meeting is directed to pay to Jethro Mitchel & the
Clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this minute. -

Thomas Hazard is added to the Committee appointed to Inspect &
Consider of the Manuscript laid before the Meeting by Job Scott. -

It is Concluded that this Meeting be held at the same times &
places the Ensueing as was agreed last Year viz. at the 3d hour after
of the day of holding Rhode Island quarterly Select Meeting at the place
of said Meeting; and at Providence at the 10th hour of the Season
third day in the 9th. 12th & 3d month and on the day of the first set
of the select Yearly Meeting at the 4th hour afternoon, and the Clerk is
directed to forward to the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings of Newport
the times & places now agreed upon for holding the Meeting for Sufferings
the Year ensueing to be Communicated to said Meeting.

The Condition of the Blacks who are still held in Slavery in
the state of Rhode Island, being weightily Impressed on the minds of
Friends Now present, and solid Consideration arising whether it may
not soon become the duty of this Meeting to make application for
their Relief; whereupon Isaac Lawton, Amos Collins, David Buffum,
William Hmy, & Thomas Arnold, are appointed to take this subject into
Consideration, and make such Enquiry as may tend to Enable the Meet-
ing to judge of the propriety & seasonableness of such application
& make Report to a further setting of this Meeting as soon as they shall
be ripe for such Report.

At a Meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth the 2d of the 8mo 1792 Present— Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, David Buffum, John Casey Paul Greene, Job Scott, James Davis, Jeremiah Austin Junr, William Almy, Thomas Arnold, Isaac Lawton, Geo. Comstock Amos Collins, ——— Our Friends John Reeve & Benjamin Reeve from Pensylvania Yearly Meting, attended at this time. ———

This Meeting being Informed that a Bill for Regulating the Militia of the State of Rhode Island has been Published by order of the Lower House of Assembly for the Consideration of the People at Large; which it is apprehended may (If passed In to an act) Occasion Friends & Others to suffer the Loss of their Religious Testimony Against War. — Whereupon our Friends Thomas Arnold, David Buffum Moses Brown, & Isaac Lawton, are appointed to take the proposed Bill into Consideration, and If they judge it necessary to make Application to the Legislature of said State or the Members thereof for such alterations to said Bill as may afford Relief In that respect. —

This Meeting Received an Epistle from the Meeting for sufferings In New York which was Read to good satisfaction as follows. ——

To the Meeting for Sufferings In New England.

Dear Friends

In a degree of that Love which unites in a Labour for the promotion of Righteousness and the welfare of our religious Society do we salute you; and acknowledge the Receipt of your acceptable Epistle dated 3mo 13th by which we are glad to find you are disposed to encourage A more frequent intercourse between us; as also a Communication of Services relative to the publishing or republishing any work Concerning our Christian Testamony, that So we may ~~speak~~ one Language and thereby promote the general harmony & good of Society. Your Suggestions relative to some alterations which you apprehend may with propriety be made in the Epistle we have had republished, Claims our due Consideration, and which alterations are such as we might have been easy to make, in order to render the same more agreeable to you; if we were about to publish an Epistle on the subject; but that not being the Case in the present Instance the alterations proposed does not appear to us of such a nature as would render it best to depart from the original. — We are however pleased to find you are united with us in the prospect of usefulness in the Republishing of said Epistle, and the remarks you have made relative there to are accepted In the freedom of Brotherly Love.— and as we have had a Considerable number

Printed should you Incline to take 1,000 or less, we are Ready to Supply you therewith; one of which we forward to you by this Conveyance

We are with the salutation of Love your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of our meeting for Sufferings in New York the 10th of the 7th mo. 1792 by — — John Murray Junr Clk.

This Meting also Red. an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held in Philidelphia which was likewise Read to good Satisfaction And is as Follows. — — —

To the Meeting for sufferings in New England

Dear Friends, Your Epistle, dated the 13th of the 3d mo. Last Came to hand a few days before our Meeting last month when it was Read being 3 months after the date of it. The benefit and encouragement arising from a Brotherly Correspondence, has often engaged the Living Members of the Church, deeply to feel after a qualification to maintain it upon a right ground; that as we profess to be Called to stand forth for the Cause & testimony of the blessed Truth, by humbly abideing under its Influence, our Communications may mutually tend to exalt the dignity and glory thereof and administer joy & Consolation to the sincere in heart. — —

We concur In sentiment with you respecting the advantage of Early Information of such parts of our transactions as are designed for public Consideration, though occasions have frequently occurred, wherein the service intended by them would have been greatly Lessened or entirely defeated, if we had waited for a Communication or Conference with our distant Brethren on the subject. — — —

The Last Session of Congress having taken up the Consideration of the Law for establishing an uniform Militia through out the States, several Interviews were obtained with divers Members of Each house, In order to draw their attention to the propriety and expediency of making such provision for tender scruples, as may be fully Satisfactory to the Conscientious part of the people, and duly accord with their own declaration respecting the unalienable & unalienable rights of Men; which we hope was of service in removing from their minds unfavourable Ideas mistakenly Conceived against our Religious Testamony, though it did not effect the desired Issue. —

The unhappy Contest which subsists between the Government

of these states, and some Tribes of the Western Indians, has Greatly affected the minds of many among us; and a Sence of Increasing Calamity and devastation likely to Ensue should the present hostile measures be Continued, engaged us from an apprehention of duty to lay before the general Legislature, a memorial and address which was Introduced to the House of Representatives by their Speaker, and Respectfully heard; and we trust had a tendency to Excite In many of the Members, a more serious Consideration of the Subject, and In some degree elucidate the nature of the peaceable principle, we as a People have publickly Espoused. a Copy whereof I do hear with Sent for your perusal. —

In the persuiting the frequent declarations we have openly made of our pacific disposition, we feel a renewed fervent desire, that by a circumspect deportment in the transaction of our temporal affairs, we may demonstrate to the World, we are so far loosened from the love of Luere, that we Cannot unite with or Countenance the Spirit of Strife and Contention in any, though it may appear Incompatible with our present outward Interest. —

A Convention of the Delaware State, having met for the purpose of Revising their Constitution after Several Sittings published a draught there of for the Consideration of the People, which upon Inspection was found to make no provision In favour of the free exercise of Conscientious scruples relating to military matters; but directing that a Militia should be Established by the Legislature, conformably to the Constitution of the United States. — we therefore believed it proper for us to spread our Concern before them as well as to appear on behalf of the poor afflicted Africans who are grievously Oppressed in that & Several of the Southern States, through an Iniquitous Trade Carried On by a number of unmerciful men; who have deprived many of this People of their liberty, after having been Legally manumitted, by violently seizing their Persons, as also by Kidnapping and transporting them to some other of the Southern Governments on this Continent and to the West India Islands, to be sold into Slavery. — The Enclosed memorial was accordingly prepared, and by a number of Friends presented at the last sitting of the said Convention, which was immediately Read and agreed to be further attended to. — —

We think it expedient to acquaint you that, our Yearly Meeting, & that for North & South Carolina have united In Judgment on the propriety of Joining the few members of our Religious Society, who Reside In Charleston to the Monthly Meeting of Bush River, to whose Care the

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Meeting house and other Estate in that City are also Committed; So that any member who remove from hence, or other Meetings in those Northern parts, to reside at Charleston, should be recommended by Certificates directed to the said monthly Meeting of Cooks River In South Carolina; — We have lately reprinted a new edition of Wm Penn's Reflections and Maxems, together with his advice to his Children, which are Chiefly Intended for the use of our schools; and the distribution of some of them in such a manner, as may be judged most serviceable. — We have likewise republished the Epistle of the Meeting for Sufferings in London, in the Year, 1751. describing the derivation of vulgar names of the months, & days of the week, and explaining the ground of our Testamony against such appellations; a few whereof are transmitted by this Conveyance.

We have Received from Dublin one Thousand sets of the three first Volumes of the history of our Religious Society, Compiled by our Late deceased Friend John Gough; although there appears a demand sufficient to take the whole, we have agreed to send you One dozen Sets, which we think are as many as Can be supplied from hence at present. —

With the salutation of Love we remain your Friends & Brethren. —

Signed in and on behalf of our Meeting for Sufferings, for Pensylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, & the Eastermost Parts of Maryland & Virginia, held in Philidelphia the 19th. day of the 7th month 1792. — by

James Pemberton, Clerk.

The Committee appointed to Consider of Job Scotts Manuscript upon Christ's Baptism report, that they have paid attention to the same, and are of opinion the Meeting for Sufferings may usefully encourage its being Printed & the Meeting after hearing it read approve thereof — after the same shall have been Examined and Corrected as to the Quotations of scripture, and the propriety of the Language — which Report is accepted and the further Consideration of the subject refund to our next Meeting for sufferings. —

At a Meting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 10th day of the 10mo 1792 Present. Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, David Bussum, George Comstock, John Casey, Job Scott, Benjamin Bussington, Amos Collins, Henry Oliver, Elisha Harris, Sylvester Weeks, William Almy, & Thomas Arnold,.

Our Meeting which ought to have been in the 9mo having fallen on this, nine member only having attended at the time and place appointed. — The Committee appointed to take care in respect to the proposed Bill for regulating the Militia In the State of Rhode Island Informs that having made enquiry & finding it was not likely to be taken up at the last Session of Assembly, they did not think it necessary to attend — and they are requested to pay attention to that matter at the next Session of the Assembly & Report to our Next Meeting. — William Almy, Thomas Arnold, & Job Scott, are appointed to prepare an Essay of an answer to the Epistle lately Recd from the Meeting for Sufferings in New York; also an Essay of an answer to that lately Recd from the Meeting for Sufferings held In Philadelphia, and report to the next Meeting for Sufferings

This Meeting Adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting. —

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting the 12th the Meeting Met and time being further spent Adjourned to Sixth day the 19th Inst. at the 10th hour in the Morning. ———

At a Meting for Sufferings held at Providence the 19th day of the tenth month 1792 Present. Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, George Comstock, Wm Bussum, Job Scott, Paul Grant, Amos Collins, Elisha Harris, Sylvester Weeks, Samuel Thurston, Wm Almy, James Smith Thomas Arnold John Casey David Bussum & Elisha Steer. ———

By a Copy of a Minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting this Meeting is Informed that Said Meting have appointed, Samuel Thurston, Benedict Arnold, Wm Bussum, James Smith, Richard Mowry & Elisha Steer, members of this Meeting for Sufferings pursuant to the Liberty granted by the last Yearly Meting. — Job Scott, Manuscript upon Christian Baptism referd from our meeting in the 8mo Came under Consideration of the Meting proceeded In hearing the Same Read. — Adjourned untill half after the Second hour in the afternoon. ———

afternoon met by adjournment & Continued Reading the Same — Adjourned,

Adjourn'd to tomorow Morning at the 8th hour. —

The 20th day met by adjournment; present the same Members as Yesterday. —— The Meting Still Continued their attention to the Reading of Job Scotts manuscript, untill the same was gone through.

This Meeting adjourns to the seacond hour this afternoon. —

Afternoon met by adjournment — Present the Same Members as in the morning. — The publishing of Job Scotts manuscript upon Christs Baptism being under Consideration this meeting do Approve of the Same & Wm Gilmy, George Comstock, Thomas Arnold, & David Buffum, are appointed to assist him by Examineing the Quotations & further Correcting it as to propriety of language & to Consider of the most Eligable mode of printing the same (the Author having Informed this Meeting it was not likely he should be Able to publish the same himself soon) they to make report to our next Meting —

This Meting on motion of a Committee of Rhode Island Quarter takeing Into Consideration the conclusion of the Last Yearly Meting, Respecting the defraying of Certain necessary expenses of Publick Friends traveling beyond Sea on Truths Acct. out of the Yearly Metings Treasury, & being sensible that some such Expence will be necessary soon to be advanced, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is hereby desired to advance the Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting such a sum as they may send necessary to draw for for that use, & the Clerk is desired to furnish the Committee with a Copy of this Minute. ——— ——— ———

At A Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th day of the 12th mo. 1792 Present ———

Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, Samuel Thurston, George Comstock, Benjamin Buffington, Daniel Aldrich, Silvester Weeks, Elisha Harris, Thomas Hazard Junr, Jeremiah Austin, William Almy, Richard Mowry, Elisha Thurber, William Buffum, John Carey, & Thomas Arnold —

This Meeting Rec. a Copy of a minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Informing that said Meeting have appointed Joseph Wing & Thomas Hazard Junr Members of this Meeting for Sufferings pursuant to the Liberty granted By the last Yearly Meeting

Those of the Committee appointed to take Care in Respect to the

Militia bill, who are now present. Reported that some Care and attention to that subject has been paid; but that the Bill has not yet been brought before the General Assembly for Discussion; said Committee are therefore Continued to take Care in that Case, & Report to this meeting In the 3 month next

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of an answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in New York; presented one which with some alterations was approved of, Signed by the Clerk. — They also presented an Essay of an answer to the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings In Philidelphia, which with some alterations was approved of & Signed by the Clerk. — This Meeting adjourns to the 3 hour this afternoon

afternoon met by adjournment; present the same Members as In the morning. — The Committee appointed to adjoin Compairing the Scripture Quotations in his manuscript upon Christs Baptism, and to Consider of the most Eligable mode of publishing the same Report that they have paid some attention to that matter but are not ready fully to Report, they are therefore Continued to Compleat their Service & Report to our next Meeting & Wm Buffum & Silvester Weeks are added to that Committee. — This Meeting Recd a Letter from Moses Brown Accompanied with a fair Copy of the Letter written by him in answer to a part of Samuel Shepherds three letters; resigning the same up to Friends' disposal, which having here before been approved by this meeting, Wm Buffum, Isaac Lawton, Silvester Weeks, Wm Almy, & Thomas Arnold, are appointed to agree with a printer to print the same, in Such a manner as they shall think best

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 9th of the first month 1793. Present. —

Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, David Buffum, John Casey, George Comstock, Paul Greene, Daniel Aldrich, William Buffum, Benjamin Buffington, Samuel Thurston, William Rotch, Jeremiah Austin, Jeremiah Austin junr, Thomas Hazard junr, Silvester Weeks, Elisha Harris, Joseph Wing, Richard Mowry, William Almy, Thomas Arnold, Benedict Arnold, & Isaac Lawton, —

The Printed General Epistle of the last Yearly Meeting held In London was Recd and read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, and Wm Almy is appointed to procure 120 Copies there of printed and forward for the use of the particular Meetings and Report the Cost thereof to our next Meeting —

This —

This meeting adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly meeting to meet at this place tomorrow. —

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting the 4th day met by Adjournment, James Smith & Elisha Steer also attended at this time. — The Committee appointed to Compare the Scripture Quotations in, & to Consider the most Elegable mode of publishing the piece writen by our Friend Job Scott, Entitled the Baptism of Christ a Gospel ordinance &c. Report that they have Compared the same and find them to be right, and are of opinion that the best mode of publishing the same will be for this meeting by their Committee to agree with the Printer to do the work, with a suitable time for payment, and to Recommend to the several Monthly meetings to promote Subscriptions for the same and also to notify the other Meetings for Sufferings on this Continent that we are about to print the same. — Which Report is accepted & our Friends Wm Rotch, Wm Amy, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold & Isaac Lawton, are appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle to said meeting for Sufferings Communicating such Information, & such other matter as may appear necessary to Communicate and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

This meeting adjourns to half after the 3 hour this Afternoon. —

Afternoon met by adjournment: — Present the same Member as at last sitting — except Thomas Hazard for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered. —

This Meeting having approved a Manuscript written by our Friend Job Scott, entitled the Baptism of Christ a gospel ordinance &c. and believing that usefulness would be derived by its being published have Concluded that the same be printed, and Recommend to the several Monthly Meetings to Subscribe in their Respective, for as many Copies as they may Incline to take — the book is likely to Contain about 180, Octavo pages and will soon be put to press, the price to Subscriber 1/4 — Stitched in blue; Friends are desired to send in their subscriptions with the money by the time of our next Yearly Meeting, when the Books may be expected to be ready to be delivered. —

The Committee to prepare Essays of Epistles to the Meetings for Sufferings of New York Philadelphia & Baltimore presented one for Each

Which were Read and with some alterations approved & directed to be Signed by the Clerk in behalf of this Meeting. —— and the Clerk is ap-pointed to forward the same by the first opertunity ———

Our Friends Wm Abby, Silvester Weeks, & Thomas Arnold are Appointed to agree with the Printer to Print fifteen hundred Copies of the Piece entitled the Baptism of Christ, a gospell ordinance &c, written by our Friend Job Scott, and to Correct the Proof Sheets from the press

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 3 month 1793 - present ——

John Casey, William Russum, Paul Greene, Jeremiah Austin, Elisha Thur, Elisha Harris, Silvester Weeks, William Abby, Thomas Hazard, Junr. Thomas Arnold, & James Smith. — ——

The Clerk Informed that he forwarded the Epistles to our neighboring Meetings for Sufferings agreable to appointment. —

Wm Abby Reports that he has procured 120, Copies of the London Epistle Printed according to appointment; and that the Cost there of is twenty four Shillings which the Treasurer is hereby Directed to pay him. —— after Consideration it is Concluded that the Com-mittee to agree with the printer to print the Treatise on Baptism by Job Scott, agree for 500, more, making the number of 2,000 in the whole. ——

This Meeting Rec.d an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings In Philidelphia which was Read to Satisfaction, and is Refered for Consider-ation to our next Meeting. — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 10th day of the 4th mo. 1793 ———

Present Thomas Hazard, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton, George Comstock, John Casey, Daniel Mowry, Paul Greene, Amos Collins, Elisha Thur, Samuel Thurston, Richard Mowry, & Wm. Abby. —

This Meeting Rec.d an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings In New York dated the 12th of the 3d mo. last which was read, and was In answer to ours of the 1st mo. Last and is as follows. ——— ——

To the Meeting for Sufferings In New England: —

Dear Friends

We are favoured with your epistle dated 9th & 11th of the first month wherein you suggest an Intention of printing a Treatise On Baptism by our Friend Jos. Scott, — the Subject obtained our Solid Con-

Consideration and although we are renewedly impressed with a Sense of the benefit resulting from an increase of harmony & Brotherly Love, & full a Concern for its promotion in a particular manner ~~among~~ Between us, yet being fully ~~impressed~~ persuaded of the propriety, & safety attending a previous review of any work proposed for publication, before we assist to take a part, that we hope you will so far unite with us in present ing the altho our former proposition to you, & the Meeting for Sufferings In Philadelphia, relative to the publication or republication of any work pertaining to our Religious Society, was not ment to preclude either from ~~pursuing~~ their own prospect, where on a review it still may easy so to do; yet it appearing to us that a united Consideration would be profitable, & strengthening; we accordingly suggest the Idea; which ~~which~~ our Brethren of the other meeting have expressed their Concurrence! we therefore hope you will admit the grounds upon which we at present feel ~~most~~ easy to decline taking a part of the proposed work, untill we have had an opportunity of perusing the same. Having now in tenderness & Brotherly ~~love~~ done, Communicated our Sense touching the Subject under, Consideration, feel a solicitude for the support & Increase of Brotherly Love, & that we may more & more unite in ardent endeavours, by an upright discharge of duty, to adorn the Doctrine of Christ our Saviour, and advance the Cause & Testimony of Truth — and as this, dear Friends, is the primary Engagement of our minds, we shall witness an Increase of Peace, Love, & Charity to abound, which as it is cherished, will promote true harmony & Brotherly Love —

We are your Loving Friends signed on behalf of & by direction of a Meeting for Sufferings held In New York the 12th day of the 3mo 1793 — by

John Murray Jun. Clerk.

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The Committee appointed to procure the printing of the Remarks written by Moses Brown, on a part of Sam. Shepherd three Letters on Baptism, Report That they have procured 600 printed as ordered — the Cost whereof Sixty In blue is £2.17.6 which the treasurer is directed to pay; and Said Committee are appointed to cause the aforesaid remarks to be sent where it appears

Most likely that they will be usefull that any person who Inclines to have one or more may have them at the [redacted] cost which when the Committe has the. they are to replace the money hereby drawn out of the Treasury — This Meeting adjourns to the Close of the Quarterly Meeting to meet at this place. —

At the Close of the Quarterly Meeting met by adjournment, present, Thomas Hazard, George Comstock, John Casey, Daniel Mitchell, Amos Collins, Elisha Thur, Jacob Mott, Silvester Hicks, James Smith, Paul Green, Sam[l] Hunter Richard Mowry, & Wm Hiney —

The Epistle rec. from the Meeting for Sufferings At Philadelphia Coming under Consideration, Thomas Hazard & Wm Hiney are appointed to prepare a reply of an answer thereto & expressive of this Meetings Concern, that the subject matter mentioned in a Resolution of a Treaty with the Six Indians may be attended to with Circumspection and Care, as a Subject Materially Interesting to our Society at large & Report to our next Meeting. — Said Epistle is as follows

To the Meeting for Sufferings for [redacted] New England —

Dear Friends -

Among the several weighty subjects of deliberation at our last Yearly Meeting, the War carrying on between the General Government and the Indian nations deeply affecting Friends minds a Committee was appointed to unite with this meeting in the exercise of a watchfull Care to improve every opportunity for promoting a disposition for Peace and friendship In and towards the Indians; to which End after due deliberation a memorial was address'd to the President, Senate and Representatives of the United States in the eleventh month last setting forth that it has been the uniform Care of our Religious Society to admonish and caution our members against settling on Lands not fairly purchased of the original owners, and that the same Concern for the maintainance of this our ancient Testimony Inviolate, as far as our Influence extends, Continues an object of Religious Care & attention; which from Experience has been found Effectual to the Preservation of peace with the Natives, who with great hospitality Cherished and assisted our fore Fathers in their Early settlement of this Country — and that from a Sence of duty Friends were engaged to Express

Their earnest desire that Further Endeavours might be used to Encourage the Indians to Come forward with a statement of their Grievances, that every just Cause of Uneasiness might be fully Investigated and removed, believing that nothing Short of Strict Justice Can be permanent Basis of solid Peace — A Conference having been Lately had with Deputies from different Indian Nations, and Messengers who, having been Imployd by Government to Carry their message to the Hostile Nations on the Western Frontiers, were returned with this answer; in which Interviews the said Deputies and Messengers repeating their earnest request, as what would be particularly acceptable to the Indians; that some Friends would attend a Treaty proposed to be held Between them and the United States In the Indian Country in the Ensewing Spring or Summer; which being a matter Interesting to our Religious Society at Large It is Judged proper that the Subject of Concern as above, briefly hinted be Communicated to Friends of the Several Yearly Meetings on this Continent, that by being thus timely apprized thereof Opportunity may be afforded to Solid judicious Friends more or less Remote who may be Religiously drawn thereto to accompany such Friend or Friends who under a like Engagement may go from hence Either of a Visit to the Indians In Gospell Love, or in Compliance with their Request to attend the aforementioned Treaty. — The Indians have been Informed in the Conferences above mentioned that such Friends as may appear in the Indians Country Either to attend the Treaty or Otherwise on a visit to the Nations are to be furnished with Certificates of the approbation of their Religious Breathren among whome they Reside having only further to add that from Communication had by Individuals with some of the Rulers there is Reason to believe Friends prudent and Circumspect attention to and service in the Great National Concern will be acceptable to Government. ——

We remain

Your affectionate Brethren

Signed on behalf and by order of
our Meeting for Sufferings held In
Philidelphia the 28th of the 2 mo. 1793

John Drinker Clk.

P. S. Your letter of the 9th & 11th of Last month wherein you advise of Your having agreed to promote the Publication of a Treatis on Baptism Composed by our Friend Job Scott, being Read was produced and Read in this Meeting 21st Inst and its purport inserted in our minutes in order for due attention — It appearing likely that Friends here might take a number of the Books if an opportunity could be first had of perusing the work — — — — — —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island for New England the 12th of 6th mo. 1793. Present

Thomas Hazzard Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott John Casey David Buffum Jethro Mitchel Remington Hobby Jeremiah Austin Thomas Hazzard Jur. William Rotch Jur. Silvester Wilkes Benedict Arnold James Smith James Davis Jeremiah Austin Jur. Paul Rogers John Winston Joseph Wing & Thomas Arnold.

Our Friend Elias Hicks from the Monthly Meeting of Jerico on Long Island & Thomas Fisher from Philadelphia attended at this time.

It appearing necessary to this Meeting that some provision be made, In order to accommodate Friends at the Ensueing Yearly Meeting Thomas Hazzard Jur. & Wm Rotch are appointed for that service, & to Report the Expence thereof to the Oeconomist of this Meeting:

This Meeting Adjourns to the close of the Enfuing Yearly Meeting then to meet at Newport.

At the close of the Yearly meting the Eighteenth Day met by Adjournment. present. Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott, John Cory, David Buffum, Jethro Mitchel, Remington Wobby, Jeremiah Austin, Thomas Hazard Junr. William Rotch Silvester Weeks Benjah Buffum, James Smith James Davis, Jeremiah Austin Junr. Paul Rogers, John Thurston, Joseph Wing, Thomas Arnold. Samuel Thurston & Moses Brown.

The Yearly meeting having continued All the members of the meting for Sufferings that were appointed last year Are added Moses Brown

This Meeting Considering the State of the Business before it Agree to Adjourn to the 3d. day previous to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on the 6th m. at Portsmouth @ the 3d. hour Afternoon.

At a meting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the 6th day of the 6th Mo. 1793

Present Isaac Lawton, Moses Brown, David Buffum, George Comstock, Jeremiah Austin, Dan'l Aldrich, Paul Green, Wm. Rotch Junr., Samuel Thurston, Jeremiah Austin Junr., Thomas Hazard Junr., Richd. Mott, Wm. Almy. The Clk being absent — Wm. Almy is appointed Clk at this time

The Committee appointed in the 4th m. last to prepare an essay of an Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia presented an essay but the season of appointment which the Service the Meeting contemplated (at the time of appointment) might result from such a Communication, being elapsed it is the Sense of the Meeting that it be not adopted, Nevertheless the Committee together with Wm. Rotch Junr. are desired to prepare an essay suitable to the present State of the Subject before the Meting, with such other matters as may appear useful to communicate and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour to morrow afternoon

7th day Met by Adjournment

Present the same Members as yesterday & Thomas Hazard, Benjn. Buffum & Sylvester Weeks, also attended

The Committee for that purpose reported an essay of Epistle to the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia, which with some amendments was approved, and by order of the Meeting was Signed by the Clerk, and is as follows

To the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia.

Dear Friends

Your Epistle of the 20th. of the 2nd. M. was recd. and read in our Meeting in the 3rd. M. following to our satisfaction and comfort.

The war with the Indian Nations has been a Subject of exercise & concern to us, and tho it was satisfactory to hear that so favourable an opportunity has opened for friends to use their endeavours to promote a disposition for peace and a careful attention to impartial Justice, between the contending Parties and we desire that those who have been called to the discharge of a trust so important may be favoured with divine Council & Strength and carefully attend thereto.

Altho it was agreable to hear that you were engaged in the concern, and that a number were given up for the service yet as there did not appear any among us who apprehended themselves called upon from a sense of duty to give up their names thereto this Meeting did not appoint any to join therein.

Notwithstanding the applications that have been made by our Religious Society to the general Government relative to the abolition of the Slave Trade, Yet our last Yearly Meeting from a renewed exercise on account of that iniquitous Traffic being still continued from this Country, have prepared an address to be laid before the next Session of Congress, and appointed a committee to attend at Philadelphia for that purpose, your sympathy, brotherly attention, & assistance in promoting this concern will be cordially accepted by us.

Agreable to the information of our conclusion in our last, We have had an Edition of our Friend Jos Scott's Treatise on Baptism Printed & Copys of which we have directed to be sent you for your perusal, and as we have not recd. any information from you what number (if any) you should incline to take, We directed 2000 only to be Struck off which from the accounts come up appears will all be wanted in these parts, and as the concern of the author so attended his mind while on his religious visit southward, that a considerable part of it was then written, and the work seeming as much calculated for the assistance of seeking Religious people of other Societies as the confirmation of many in our own, We submit to your consideration whether a further edition may not be useful, should the work meet your approbation . . . .

With the salutation of Brotherly love we

conclude your Friends & Brethren Singed in and

on behalf of sd. Meeting by Wm. Hunt[illegible] for this time

Moses Brown is desired to forward the Epistle with twelve Copys of the Treat
on Baptism written by our Friend Job Scott, to the Meeting for Sufferings at
Philadelphia.

This Meeting Adjourns to the second third day in the Ninth
Month at the 10th hour at Providence.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 10th of the 9th mo 1793
Present Jeremiah Austin, Moses Brown, Paul Greene, Benjamin Buffu
Jmos Collins, Silvester Weeks, & Elisha Harris, Jeremiah Austin Jr. Willc
Almy, John Casey, Thomas Arnold, & Jacob Mott. Our Friend Peter Yar
from Pensylvania On a religious Visit to Friends in this Country also attend
at this time. ——— this Meeting Adjourns to the second hour this afternoo

Afternoon met by Adjournment present the same Members as in the
morning Except Moses Brown; David Buffum also attended this afternoo

This Meeting having in the morning Recd a Copy of a Minute from San
-wich Monthly Meting Respecting the Interruption which friends meet with
at Naushnet by Timothy Davis & others heretofore disowned by Friends
& which having Now again Recd the solid Attention of this Meeting the
same is refered to our next Meeting for Sufferings for further Consideration

This Meeting Adjourns to the day of the Select meting preceeding Rhode
-and Quarterly Meting to be held in the 10th mo Next at the upper meeting house
Smithfield, at the third hour in the afternoon of 3d Day.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 7th of the 10th
1793 present. —— Thomas Harrard, Moses Brown, George Jones Jr
William Buffum, Benedick Arnold, Samuel Thurston, Elisha Harris,
Sylvester Weeks, Richard Mowry William Almy, Thomas
Arnold, ———

The matter brot Up from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Refer
our Last meeting for Sufferings, Respecting the Interruption at Naushnet
Meeting . . — came Now again under Consideration of this meeting
And after deliberating upon it, Considering the Smallness of this meet
and that No Member is now present from Sandwich Quarter It is Ag
Again to refer the Consideration of it to our Next Meeting for Sufferings.

This Meeting Recd the printed general Epistle from London which was
to solid Satisfaction And William Almy is appointed to procure One
hundred & Twenty Copies thereof to be printed for the use of the Several
Meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting & forward the Same to the several
Monthly Meetings & lay the Cost thereof before a future Setting of this M

This meeting Adjourns, to the Close of the quarterly Meeting to me
at this place tomorrow ———

10th Day Met by Adjournment & the day being far spent Adjo

to meet at the rising of the Select Meeting which is to Meet at this place till the 4th hour to morrow Morning ———

11th Day met by Adjournment Present Thomas Hazzard, William Buffum, Samuel Thurston, Silvester Weeks, George Comstock, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Benedict Arnold, Elisha Reere, Jacob Mott, James Smith, Richard Mory, Thomas Arnold & William Almy — Our Friends Rufus Hall & Zebulon Hoxie from Junatqa Monthly Meeting Our religious Visit to Friends in those parts Attended this Meeting. ———

The Subject of the Militia Bill as proposed to be passed into Law by the State of Rhodeisland being again before this Meeting, after Deliberate Consideration thereon Moses Brown, David Buffum, Thomas Hazzard, Thomas Arnold & Benedict Arnold, are appointed to prepare an Essay of a memorial to the Assembly of said State upon such parts of said Bill as if passed into Law will affect the Religious Testimony of our Society against War & Lay the same before the adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon ———

Afternoon Met by adjournment present the same Members as in the morning except George Comstock who was absent thro Indisposition of Body ——

The Comtee appointed for that purpose presented an Essay of a memorial to the Assembly, which being read & Considered by paragraph is approved, the same is committed to the Care of our Friends Moses Brown, Thos Hazard Thos Arnold. To make out a fair Copy with a Suitable concluding paragraph (which is hereby ordered to be signed by the Clerk) and Case the same to be presented on the behalf of this Meeting to the General Assembly at their next Session and the Clk. is to record the same ——— ———

The Meeting for Sufferings of the people called Quakers held at Smithfield for New England the 11th 10th mo. 1793. To the General Assembly of the State of Rhodeisland and Providence Plantations to be held next at Kingstown Repectfully shew

That for 50 years or upwards the Society they Represent have experienced the justice of the Government in the admission of their Religious Testimony against Warring and Military Discipline, and that their Conscientious Scruples therein have been so fully Confided in by the Various administrations of Government that they and their Ancestors have been Excempted by Law — That Congress sensible of this and that some other States had Excempted Friends, in their Militia Act of 1792 Expressly Direct, That "all persons

who now are, or may hereafter be Excempted by the Laws of the respective
shall be and are hereby excempted from military Duty"; by which act
Religious Rights in this respect were as fully Secured Under the Ex
Laws of this State, as if we as a society, had bin expresly named ther
We further Represent that the neighbouring States of Massachusetts an
some of us and Many of our Brethren in Religious fellowship
in their late act for Regulating and Governing the Militia have
their Regard for the Rights of Conscience and have Expresly Excem
Our Society, it was therefore Unexpected to Us in this enlightend age
Respect to Religious Liberty, to observe in a proposed Bill which has
sent to the several Towns in the State that our Religious principle in
respect has been so far Unattended to that all the Others who profess no Re
Scruple in this respect are by the said Bill Wholey Excempted, Our Socie
is not, but Contrary to Our Religious, Rights, to the ancient and prese
Laws of this State, Countenanced and approved by the Laws of the Uni
We are Called upon in a manner which our conciences, Spurg and forbi
active Complyance with, and of consequence if the bill Shou
into a Law Persecution for Concience Sake must take place,
great dishonour of the Government and the Hurt of those who
have the Execution of the Law; as every act of oppression upon
Conscience has its Tendency to harden the mind of the actors.

We therefore in affectionate regard to the welfare & happiness of the
as well as for the preserving our Religious Society from Suffer
Distraint and imprisonment Respectfully Remonstrate aga
the said bill Passing into Law. We have called to your Reco
the foregoing Circumstances & Facts, not as the foundation of
Religious Rights in this Subject, but as what has grown out of them, being
~~Vested~~ Recognised by the various administrations in this State, even in Time
War, We therefore Respectfully Solicit your Collid Attention ~~[illegible]~~ to
To Tender Concience, in this respect, and that We may Continue to enjoy those
priviledges and Indulgences from the present government which we have
Experienced in this and the neighbouring States, is the Desire of your friend

Signed in your behalf of the said Meeting by

Thomas Arnold Clerk

| Sales | Whom taken from | by whom taken | What Articles taken | What taken for | Sum Demanded | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1776 | John Read Smithfield | Benjamin Medbury Collector | 1 Cow fore part Summer | | 2..4.. | 5..0.. |
| 1777 | do | Stephen Whipple do | 1 Heifer | | | 3..10.. |
| 1778 | do | Wm. Waterman do | 1 Horse & Saddle | | | 11..5.. |
| 1779 | do | Oliver Arnold do | 1 Cow | | | 10..0.. |
| 1780 | do | Hezekiah Sprague do | 3 do | | | 14..10.. |
| 1781 | do | do | 5 Yearlings | | | 11..0.. |
| 1782 | do | do | 1 Cow | | | 6..0.. |
| 1777 | Elisha Thornton Smithfield | Stephen Whipple do | 1 Heifer | | | 3..10.. |
| 1780 | do | Hezekiah Sprague | 1 Cow | | | 10..10.. |
| 1781 | do | do | 1 do | | | 10..10.. |
| | Marth Comstock | do | 1 Heifer | | | 8..8.. |
| 4th M.o 1782 | do | do | 1 Cow | | | 6..18.. |
| 1779 | Robt Wilkinson | Wm. Waterman & Oliver Arnold Collectors | Two Heifers | for Rates & War | | 9..10.. |
| 1780 | do | Hezekiah Sprague Collect.r | | do | | 2..6.. |
| 1781 | do | Mon by Sprague Order | A Bull | do | | 9..0.. |
| | do | 1 Sprague | 1 Cow | do | | 4..10.. |
| 1782 | do | do | 1 do | do | | 8..2.. |
| | | | 1 do & Heifer | do | | |

The above Accounts were Collected by us the Committee appointed by the said Monthly Meeting, being Ordered by the Meeting to compleat and send the same up to the Meeting for Sufferings

Note, Most of the Acct.s were Signed by the Sufferers

Smithfield the 1st of y.e 6th M.o 1782

Caleb Greene
Elisha Thornton
Benedict Arnold
Job Scott
Jeremiah Barrett
} Committee

The above Acct. having been sent back from the Meeting for Sufferings, for the Approbation of this Meeting at Large, was Read at our Monthly Meeting by Adjournment the 1st of the 11th M.o 1782 Approved & Signed in Behalf of said Meeting by

Tho.s Arnold Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in the 5th M.o 1783 this Acct was Approved

| Whom taken from | By whom taken | What Articles Taken | What taken for | Sum Demanded | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Augustus Lapham Smithfield | do | One Cow | | £ | 10.. 10.. |
| do | do | One do | | | 7.. 10.. |
| do | do | One do | | £ lb. | 9.. 10.. |
| do | do | One do | Class Mony | 11.. 4.. | 8.. 14.. |
| do | do | 2 do | for Taxes | 4.. 16.. | 10.. 18.. |
| do | do | 1 do | | | 4.. 4.. |
| do | Tho.s Jenkins Collect.r | 1 do | Class Mony & a Tax | 4 pounds odd Bill.s | 5.. ... |
| do | Kezekiah Sprague | 1 do | For Taxes | 7.. ..0.. | 6.. ..0.. |
| Jonathan & Aza Arnold of Smithfield | do | 2 Cows | Class Mony & Taxes | | 16.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 2 Stout Oxen | For Taxes | | 24.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 1 Cow | | | 5.. ..0.. |
| do | Tho.s Jenkins Collect.r | 1 do & 2 Hhd.s Lime | | | 6.. ..0.. |
| Jeremiah Harris Smithfield | do | 5 Hhd.s Lime | Class Mony & a Tax | 3.. 6.. 0. | 3.. 17.. 0. |
| Seth Jenny, Uxbridge | Sc. James Taft Constable and Asid | 1 Hand saw. 1 pewter platter 1 Quart pot, 3 Basons & 2 plates | War or mixed Taxes | 2.. 2.. 0. | 1.. 12.. 0. |
| do | do | One Colt near 2 yr.s old | do | lb. 1.. ..0.. | 1.. 4.. 0. |
| do | Nathan Taft Constable | 1 Cow | Average & mixed Taxes | 1. 10.. 0. | 4.. 8.. 6 |
| do | do | 2 Rams & 1 Yearl.g Heifer | Mixed Taxes. | near 2.. ..0.. | 3.. 2.. 0. |
| do | Paul Taft Constable | 1 Cow | do | 5.. 2.. 0. | 5.. 12.. 0. |
| Seth Aldrich Uxbridge | Nath.l Taft Constable | 1 Cow | | | 6.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 1 do & 1 Sheep | | 46 lb. 5.. ..0.. | 5.. 10.. 2 |
| do | Paul Taft do | 1 Calf | | | 1.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 6 Sheep | | 46 lb. | 4.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 3 Cows | | 12.. ..0.. | 22.. ..0.. |
| do | Joseph White do | 1 Cart | Class Mony about | 8.. ..0.. | 10.. ..0.. |
| do | Paul Wheelock do | 2 Cows | 46 lb. | 7.. ..0.. | 8.. ..0.. |
| Rich.d Mowry Uxbridge | James Taft do | 1 draft Chain | for War &c. about | ..0.. 10.. 0. | ..0.. 12.. 0. |
| do | do | 1 Cow | | about | 9.. ..0.. |
| do | Joseph White do | 1 Cow | Class Mony | 4.. 12.. 10 | 7.. 10.. 0. |
| do | Paul Taft do | 7 Sheep & a Calf | 2 Rates clear for War | 2.. 12.. 11 | 4.. 10.. 0. |
| do | Paul Wheelock do | 1 Cow | Rates | 3.. 11.. 0. | 4.. ..0.. |
| do | do | 1 do | Raising Beef for Soldiers | 3.. 6.. 7. | 5.. 8.. 0. |
| Asa Smith Uxbridge | Edward Seagrave | 1 do | Rates | | 5.. 4.. 0. |
| do | Levi White do | 1 do | Class Mony | 3.. 0.. 11 | 6.. ..0.. |
| Jeremh Wilkinson jun.r Cumberland | Benj.n Balcue | 3½ C Bar Iron | do & Rates | | 10.. 10.. 0. |
| do | Stephen Whipple Col.o | 12 pair Cards | do | | 4.. 4.. 0. |
| Jon.a Carpenter Col.o | do | 4 do & 6 200 Shingle Nails & 500 Board do | | lb. | 4.. ..0.. |
| do | 1 fat Heifer & 2 pr Cards | | | 4 - 10.. 0. | 5.. 4.. 0. |
| do | Wm Bowen | 1½ Bushels Wheat | Class Mony | ..0.. 17.. 0. | ..0.. 18.. 0. |

| Date | Whom taken from. | By whom taken | What Articles taken. | What taken for. | Amt. Demanded | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781. 8th m. 31st | Elisha Sher. Smithfield | Hezekiah Sprague | 1 thra 4 yr. old Bull 1 d°. Heifer | For Mixed Taxes & Class | £ s d 7.. 4.. | £ 11.. |
| 12th m. 7 | d°. | d° | 2 Cows | War or mixed Taxes | 6.. 13.. 8 | 8.. |
| 1782. 4th m. 11th | d°. | d° | 2 d° & Calves & 1 Heifer 3 yr. old | Rates & Class Mony | 3.. 14.. | 15.. |
| 1781. 6th m°. | David Steer | Benaja Whipple Collect. | 1 Cow for | Several Rates &c. | 4.. | 7.. 19.. |
| 1782. 4th m°. | Do. | Amos Winsor Do. | 1 d°. & Calf | d° | 4.. 2.. | 6.. |
| 1781. abt. 4th m°. | Thomas Steer late of Smithfield Deceas'd | Hezekiah Sprague Collr. | 1 Cow & Calf | Class Mony | | 9.. |
| 8th m°. | Estate of d°. | d°. | 1 Yoke of Oxen | | | 18.. |
| 1782. 3d m°. | d°. | d° | 1 Cow | | | 4.. 10.. |
| 4th m°. | d°. | d°. | 1 d°. | | | 5.. |
| 5th m°. | d°. | d° | 11 Sheep fleeces on & Lambs | | | |
| | The Warrants were from the Treasurer & the whole Demand Amounted to | | | | 28.. 1.. 4. | |
| 1781. 9th m°. | Rubin Blanchard | Pratt & Colvin Collectors Scituate | One Gun Shovel & Tongs | | 1.. 14.. 7 | 3.. 5.. |
| 10th m°. 6. | Asa Potter Scituate | d° | One Cow for Several Rates | | 2.. 10.. | 5.. 10.. |
| 1781. 9th m°. | Ezra Potter Do. | d° | 1 two & vantage Colt | for Rates abt. | 1.. 0.. | 6.. |
| 1778. 3d m°. 26 | James Smith Glocester | Caleb Arnold Collect. | One Silver Watch | d° | 5.. 5.. | 6 abt. 7.. |
| 1781. 6th m°. 30 | d°. | Benaja Whipple Collect. | 2 Cows for Rates | for Rates | = 339.. 10/2d paper mony & £1.. 2.. 9 Silver | 15.. |
| 11th m°. 19 | d°. | Amos Winsor d°. | 1 d°. & 1 Heifer | for 3 d°. | 3.. 13.. | 6.. 8.. |
| 1779. 6th mo. 10 | Joseph Bassett | Glocester Wm. Waterman d°. Smithfield | 25 lb 1/2 Leather | For a Rate | | 2.. 4.. 2 |
| 11th m°. 15 | d°. | Stephen Whipple Smithfield | Collect. 1 Side d° | d° | | 1.. 9.. 7 |
| 11th m°. 15 | d°. | Oliver Arnold d° | 1 Side d° & 2 Calve Skins | d° | | 2.. |
| 1781. 6th m°. 21 | d°. | Benajah Whipple d°. | 2 d° | d° | | 3.. 2.. 6 |
| 1780. 2d m°. 10 | Benjamin Arnold Junr. of North Providence | Stephen Jenckes Collector | 1 Bar of Iron W. about 36 lb | For 1 Town Tax & Class & Bounty | 0.. 16 | 0.. 19.. 6 |
| 1781. 10th m°. 27th | d° | Caleb Jenkins Do. | 27 d° | for one Tax & part of another | 0.. 11.. | 0.. 11.. 6 |
| 1780. 11th m°. | Benjamin Arnold of Smithfield & Son Levi | Hezekiah Sprague d°. | 3 Hogsheads of Lime | | | 3.. 12.. |
| 1781. 2d m°. | d° | | 6 Sheep | | 4.. 16 | 5.. 5.. |
| 8th m°. 15 & 1782. 1st m°. | d° | | 4 Hhd. Lime & 5 d°. | | 7.. 5.. | 10. 16.. |
| 1777. 7th m°. 2nd | Oziel Wilkenson Smithfield | Eli Read Town Sergeant Warrant from Dan'l Mowry Town Clerk | about 2 1/4 Thousand 10d Nails | Hire of a Soldier 15 days | 2.. 2.. | 2.. 2.. |
| Latter part of this Year | d°. | d° | 3500 d° | For the Hire of a Man in an Expedition against Rhode Island mostly for war Charges | 6.. 4 | 6.. 4.. |
| 3rd m°. 2nd | d° | Wm. Waterman Collr. | 1 Cow | | 4.. | 6.. |
| 1780. 1st m°. 3rd | d°. | Hezekiah Sprague Collr. | 2 Scythes & 2 Axes | Mostly War charges abt. | 4.. 7 | 1.. 4.. |
| 1781. 1st m°. 27 | d° | d° | 2 Axes | Back Rates | | 1.. 8.. |
| 6th m°. | d° | d° | 4 Scythes | | | 2.. 8.. |
| 1782. 3rd m°. | d° | d° | 6 d° | | | 1.. 16 |

| When taken | From whom taken | By whom taken | What articles taken | What taken for | Sum Demanded | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Monthly | Do. i.e Caleb Green | Do. i.e Hezekiah Sprague | Two Cows | | | 20.. .. .. |
| ...ut 6th ...e ... time ...th Mo | Do. | Do. | A pair of Steers | | | 16.. .. .. |
| | Do. | Do. | 2 Heifers | | | 14.. .. .. |
| | Do. | Do. | 2 best Cows | | | 14.. .. .. |
| ...bout ...h Mo | Do. | Caleb Jenks Collect. of North Providence | 33 lb. New Milk Cheese | | | 1.. 2.. .. |
| ...about ...h Mo | Do. | John Beverly and Benjamin Hoppin | 112 lb Coffee £5.. 12s<br>36 lb Chocolate £2.. 5s | | | 7.. 17.. .. |
| ...al 7th ...o. | Do. | Benjamin Hoppin | 12½ Yd. Chints | | | 5.. 12.. 6 |
| ...about ...h Mo | Do. | Do. | 2¾ Yd. fine Cambrick | | | 2.. 17.. 9 |
| ...e time | Do. | Do. | 4 small Silk & Linne Handkerchiefs | | | 3.. 9.. 9 |
| | It appears that said Green Paid such parts of the Demands for which the above Destraints were made as he was Satisfied were for Civil Uses, so that he supposed the Destraints to be nearly or quite all for the Support of War | | | | | |
| ...8th Mo. | Smith Brown of Providence | Stephen & Caleb Jenckes Collectors in N. Providence | 12 Bushels of Corn the Price at that Time was 5/6 ₰ Bushel | For War Charges | | 3.. 6.. .. |
| ...about ...r. Mo | James Comestock of N. Providence | Stephen Jenckes Collector | about 8½ Bushels Corn | For Class Mony | | 1.. 9.. 9 |
| ...3. 2nd ...h | Joseph Farnum of Smithfield | Stephen Whipple Collector | 2 Cows | For War or mixed Taxes | | 10.. .. .. |
| ...9th Mo. | Do | Wm. Waterman Collect. | 2 C 1 qr. 3 lb Bar Iron | For Do. | | 6.. 10.. .. |
| ...10th Mo. | Do | Oliver Arnold Collector | 2 Cows | For Do. | | 10.. .. .. |
| ...6th Mo. | Do | Hezekiah Sprague Collector | 1 Cow | For Do. | | 6.. .. .. |
| ...26 | Do. | do. | 1 do. | for do. | | 7.. .. .. |
| ...3d Mo. | do. | do. | 1 do. | for do. | | 6.. 10.. .. |
| ...Mo. 1st | do. | do. | 1 Yoke 3d vantage Steers<br>1 — 2d vantage Heifer | for Do. & Class Mony | | 17.. .. .. |
| ...3d Mo. | do. | do. | 1 Yoke of Oxen | For War or mixed Taxes | | 15.. .. .. |
| ...28th | do. | do. | 1 Yoke 2 Year old Steers | for do. & Class Mony | | 9.. .. .. |
| ...6th Mo. | Rufus Smith Smithfield | By Order of Continental Forage Master | about 1 T. 35 cwt .. 0 .. 0 lb of Hay | | | 7.. 10.. .. |
| ...Mo. 27th | From do. | Hezekiah Sprague Collect. | 1 Cow | For Class Mony & War Charges | 5.. 8.. .. | 9.. .. .. |
| ...1st Mo. 25th | do. | do. | 2 Calves 9 Mo. old | for War | | 5.. .. .. |
| ...0. 11 | do. | do. | 1 yealing Heifer. 5 Sheep & 5 Lambs | Class Mony | 5.. 8.. .. | 7.. 10.. .. |
| ...Mo. 7th | do. | do. | | | | |
| ...5th Mo. 9 | do. | Thos. Jenckes Collect. | 1 pr. of 3½ yr. old Steers<br>one 2 year old Bull | For mixed Taxes<br>do. | 6.. 13.. .. | 15.. .. .. |
| 27 | do. | Hezekiah Sprague | 1 pr. 2d vantage Steers | do. | 2.. .. .. | 3.. 18.. .. |
| | | | | | | 6.. .. .. |

| Date when taken | Whom taken from | By whom taken | What Articles taken | What taken for | Sum Demanded | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| in the fall | Ditto | Ditto | One 3 yr. old Heifer | For D°. This Officer returnd something to another Collector | | 5..10.. |
| same fall | D° | Merry Collector for Providence | About 20 yd. whitned Sheeting Linnen & about 14 yd. Kersey as it lay bleaching | Mixed Taxes | | 1..12.. |
| 1781. 1st Mo.. 30th | D° | John Beverly Sheriff & Collector, & Benjamin Hoppin Collector | 16 Sides Sole Leather Wt. 209 ℔ & 17 Boxes Sperma Ceti Candles Wt. 558½ ℔ | Class money & Mixed Taxes | £ 123..9.. 3 | £ 153..10.. |
| in the fall | D° | Caleb Jenckes Colect. of North Providence | One Stack of Hay | Mixed Taxes | 2..15.. | 5.. |
| 1782 2nd Mo.. 15 | D° | Benj.a Hoppin Col.r of Providence | 9 Boxes Sperma-Ceti Candles Wt. 328 ℔ | Mixed Taxes | 52..12..2 | 75..3.. |
| Note, | The Warrants demands being in Paper, | were from the could | Towns, & General not be exactly | Treasurers - Part of the Ascertained | | |
| 1777 1st Mo. | Jo.s Randall of North Providence | Jonathan Pike | One Gun | Fines | | 3..10.. |
| 12th Mo. 23rd | D° | Dan.l Clarke Col.r | On Cow | Mixed Taxes | | 5..8.. |
| 1779 5th Mo. 20th | D° | Hezekia Smith Col.r | One Cow | Mixed Taxes | | 6..12.. |
| 1780 9th Mo. 1st | D° | D° | one Ditto | D° | | 7..10.. |
| 1781 5th M. mo | D° | Stephen Jenckes Collector | One D° | Class Mony & mixed Taxes | | 7..16.. |
| 11th mo | D° | Caleb Jenckes Col.r | One Heifer | Class mony & mixed Taxes | | 3..12.. |
| 1778 2nd Mo. 14th | Amasa Gray of Providence | Martin Simmons Collector | One large Calf Skin | Mixed Taxes | ..11..2 | ..18.. |
| 1779. 6th Mo. | D° | D° | 3 Calf Skins | D° | 1..10.. | 2..5.. |
| 1779. 7th Mo. 30 | D° | D° | Some upper Leather | | ..5.. | ..15.. |
| 1780. 1st Mo. | D° | Dwight Foster Collect.r | One side Neats Leather | | ..12.. | 1..6.. |
| 1781 2nd Mo. 5th | D° | Wm. Rhodes Sheriff & Benj.a Hoppin Collect.r | 15 Calf Skins | Taxes & Class Mony - Taxes £6..15/- Class Mony £1..0..1 | 7..15..1 | 11..6.. |
| 3rd or 4th Month | D° | Benjamin Hoppin Collector | 3 Calf & 2 Sheep Skins | Taxes | | 2..8.. |
| 7th mo. 28th | D° | D° | 2 Sides Neats Leather & 2 half Sides D° & 1 Calf Skin | Taxes | | 5..8.. |
| 1782. 1st Mo. | D° | D° | 5 Large Calf Skins | D° | 1..10..3 | 4.. |
| 1780 about 9th Mo. | Caleb Greene of Providence | Hezekiah Sprague Collector for Smithfield | One Bull | | | 9.. |

# A further Account of the Sufferings of Friends belonging to Smithfield Monthly Meeting on Account of the Testimony against War

| de. | Whom taken from | By whom taken | What Articles taken | What taken for | Sum demanded | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 7 Month | Jethro Lapham of Glocester | Stephen Whipple Town Sergeant, warrant from Council Clerk | One Cow | to pay for the hire of a man to do Military duty (so called) in my stead | 2 .. 8 .. & Cost | 4 .. 10 .. |
| 4th Mo. | Ditto | Do. Warrant from Do. | 1 four yr. old Steer | To pay the Hire of a man in my Stead in the Rhode Island expedition | 30/ paper | 6 .. |
| Month | Thos. Arnold of North Providence | Hezekiah Smith Collector | One fat Heifer | for Bounty Mony - £1 .. 12/ - Twas returned to the succeeding Collector | about £5 .. | 7 .. 10 .. |
| 5th Mo. | Ditto | Stephen Jenckes Collector | One Cow & 1 fat Steer worth £16 .. 10/: one Yoke Oxen £18 | For Class & bounty money in sundry demands - to the Amt. of | £26 .. 5 .. 4 | £34 .. 10 .. |
| | | | | He paid £2 .. 14 .. 9 to sundry Collect. | | |
| 6th mo 1781 | Ditto | Caleb Jenckes, Collector | One fat Ox | for Class Mony | | 10 .. 16 .. |
| 9. 8th Mo. | Amasa Gray of Providence | Wm. Compton, Town Sergeant, Warrant from the Council of War | One Side of Neat Leather, & 1 Calf Skin | for the hire of a man to go in my stead, as a Soldier in the Rhode Island Expedition, last year | 9 .. 6 .. paper | about 1 .. 7 .. |
| 9th mo. 25th | Thos. Lapham of Smithfield | Hezekiah Sprague Collector | One Young Cow | for Class mony, the Town having Class'd the Inhabitants; 18 of whom were to beat the expence of hiring a man | 5 .. 12 .. | £6 .. 12 .. |
| 23. | Ditto | Do. Zone Richmond for aid | One large Cow | For Class Mony | 5 .. 14 .. 6 | 7 .. 10 .. |
| 11th 23 | Ditto | Ditto | One Cow | for Class Mony | 4 .. 12 .. 6 | 6 .. |
| 20 1st | Moses Brown of Providence | Martin Seamons Collector | One Box Sperma Ceti Candles 11 lb 32½ ℔ | for mixed Taxes | 1 .. 10 .. abt | 7 .. 9 .. 6 |
| Time | Ditto | Dwight Foster Collector | One side of Sole Leather & 2 Boxes Sperma-Ceti Candles 11 lb 63¾ ℔ | For mixed Taxes - This Officer paid what he Rec. more than his demand to another Collect. in a careful tender manner, as appears (says Moses) by his Letter to me, inclosing the Collectors Receit, on his removing out of Town | his Demand about 14 .. | 18 .. 15 .. |
| 12th 4th Mo. | Ditto | Hezekiah Smith Collect. of North Providence | One Stack of Hay | Mixed Taxes | abt 1 .. 10 .. | 3 .. 10 .. |

# A further Account of the Sufferings of Friends in South Kingstown Monthly Meeting

| Dat | Whon Taken from | By whon Taken | Things taken | What Taken for - - - | Demand £ s d | Value Taken in Silver |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th 12th mo 1781 | Peleg Peckham | Wilson Polock Collectr | one Cow - - - - - | State & Town Rate for supporting War &c | 3 .. 4 .. 2 | 4 .. 16 .. - |
| 3 mo 1782 | John Gorton | Wilson Polock Collectr | a Silver Watch .. | A State & Town Rate for Do .. &c - | 4 .. 15 .. 1 | 6 .. 12 .. - |
| 22. 5th mo 1781 | John Congdon | By Do - - - - - | one Cow - - - | Rates for Support of War &c - - | 1 .. 4 .. - | 4 .. 16 .. - |
| 5th 2 mo 1782 | Andrew Nichols | Danl Shearman Collectr | a new Saddle no Stirrups | a Rate & class mony to raise Soldiers &c - | 1 .. 12 .. 8 | 3 .. 8 .. - |
| 12. 9th mo 1781 | Simeon Perry .. | Joseph Crofs Collectr | One three years old, two Two years old & two yearling Heifers | Three Rates for Support of War &c - - | 4 .. 4 .. - | 4 .. 16 .. - |
| 8th 2 mo 1782. | Simeon Perry | Peleg Lewis Collector | one Cow - - | a Town Rate for supporting War &c | 4 .. 4 .. - | 4 .. 16 .. - |
| 2d mo 1782 | Simeon Perry | Wilson Polock Collectr | Two Table Cloths - | Rates for supporting War &c | 1 .. 5 .. 6 | 1 .. 4 .. - |
| 12. 7th mo 1781 | John Knowles | Sheffield Wilcox Collectr | 1 Heifer 3 yrs old | Rate for Support of War &c | 3 .. 6 .. - | 4 .. - .. - |
| 18. 2d mo 1782 | John Knowles | Saml Stanton Collector | 1 Heifer & Steer - - | Town Rate chiefly for Support of War | 3 .. 11 .. 8 | 5 .. 8 .. - |
| 16th 8th mo | John Knowles | Abel Hall Collectr | a pair of Steers & Heifer | For State & Town Tax for Support of War &c | 7 .. 9 .. 2 .. | 13 .. - .. - |
| 16th 8th mo 1781 | John Dye - - - | Abel Hall Collr | one Steer 4 yrs old | Rates for Support of War &c | 2 .. 8 .. - | 6 .. - .. - |
| 4th 12th mo | John Dye | Sheffield Wilcox Collectr | 1 Steer 4 yrs old | Rates for Support of War - - - | 1 .. 16 .. 9 | 5 .. 10 .. - |
| 16th 8th mo 1781. | Stephen Hoxsie | Abel Hall Collectr | a pr of Oxen - - - | A Rate for Support of War &c | 14 .. 5 .. - | 22 .. 10 .. - |
| 16th 8th mo 1781 | Peter Hoxsie | Abel Hall Collector | a pr of Steers | a Rate for support of War &c - - | 10 .. - .. - | 14 .. - .. - |
| 18th 2nd mo 1782 | Peter Hoxsie | Saml Stanton Collectr | a pr Steers 2 yrs old | a Rate for Support of War &c | 4 .. 7 .. - | 7 .. 10 .. - |
| 4th mo. 1781 | Perry Green Tripp | Job Wilcox Collector | a Two yr old Horse & two yearling Heifers | for Class Mony so call'd - - - | 10 .. 10 .. - | 13 .. - .. - |
| 8th mo 1781. | Thos Willbur | Jos Thurston Collectr | Two Cows - - - | For Taxes for support of War &c | 11 .. - .. - | 13 .. 10 .. - |
| 5. 7th mo 1781 | Amos Collins | Joshua Brown Colr | a pr of Steers - | For Class Mony & Taxes so called | 4 .. 5 .. - | 10 .. - .. - |
| 6th mo 1781 | Barsheba Knowles | Hazard Champlin Colr | One Cow & | for Class mony so Call'd — | 3 .. - .. - | 5 .. - .. - |
| 7th mo | Barsheba Knowles | Danl Shearman Colr | One Cow - | For Rates for Support of War &c | 4 .. 10 .. - | 7 .. 10 .. - |
| 9th mo | Do - - - - | Wilson Polock Colr | Two Cows - | Rates to Support War &c - | 18 .. 12 .. - | 21 .. 18 .. - |
| 22. 12 mo | Do - - - | Do - - - - | 2 Cows & 1 Heifer | | | |
| 3rd mo 1782 | Do - - - | Do - - - - | 1 Cow - - - | Partly for the above demand & part former Rates | - - - - - | 4 .. 10 .. |
| 8th mo 1781 | Jos Collins | Jos Thurston Colr | 10 & 1 Heifer - | For Taxes to Support War &c | 10 .. - .. - | 13 .. - .. - |
| 22. 1st mo 1782 - | John Knowles Jun | George Pearce Colr | a Bag & 19 ℔ Flax | For Taxes for Mony to raise Soldiers | - .. 11 .. - | - .. 15 .. - |

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to Collect an Account of what Friends belonging to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting have Suffered, for refusing to comply with Milatary Requisitions, have Collected the above Account and do present the Same to the Monthly Meeting of Friends Sitting ye 2d day of ye 5th mo 1782. We also inform said Meeting that we understand there are divers others Members that have Suffered in like manner which we have not Collected the Account of -

Benjamin Hoxsie
Thos Wilbur
Andrew Nichols.
Peter Davis
Simeon Perry

The above & before Written is a Copy of the Original Received by the Monthly Meeting of South Kingstown at their Meeting the 2d day of 5th mo 1782 & by them Ordered to be Copied & Signed by the Clerk & sent up to the next Meeting of Friends for Sufferings, which I have accordingly here Copyd & Sent

Simeon Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings in the 5th mo 1782 this was Approved Witness M Brown Clk

| | From whom taken | By whom taken | Articles taken | What taken for | Demand | Value taken | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Peter Chase | Giles Sandford | 90 Wt. of Cheese | Mixt Taxes | £2.. 8.. | £2.. 14.. | |
| | do. | Caleb Pabody | 9 Bushels Corn | for hiring Soldiers | 1.. 16.. | 2.. 14.. | |
| | do. | Oliver Durfee | 15 Sheep | Mixt Tax | 4.. 10.. | 10.. 2.. 6 | |
| | do. | do. | 2 Cows | do. | 8.. 16.. | 12.. | |
| | Daniel Gould | Oliver Durfee | One Cow | Mixt Tax | 1.. 16.. | 7.. 16.. | |
| | Joseph Mitchell | Oliver Durfee | One Cow | Mixt Tax | 1.. 15.. | 6.. | |
| | Sampson Shearman | Giles Lawton Junr | one Cow | Mixt Tax | 5.. 8.. | 9.. | |
| | do. | do. | 1 do. & 1 Heifer | do. | 7.. 10.. | 10.. | |
| | | | | | | 15/ | |
| | Aaron Chase | Caleb Pabody | a Chain & pitchfork | Raising Soldiers | | | |
| | do. | Oliver Durfee | a Cow | Mixt Tax | 3.. | 7.. 10/ | |
| | Elizabeth Anthony | Giles Sandford | a Pig | Raising Soldiers | | 6/ | |
| | do. | Caleb Pabody | an Axe | do. | | 9/ | |
| | do. | Oliver Durfee | a Horse | do. | | £9.. | |
| | Abraham Barker | Thomas Compton | 4 Bridles | Mixt Tax | £0.. 15.. | 1.. 4.. 4 | Lieut at Providence |
| | do. | do. | 2 do. | Class | .. 9.. | .. 12.. | |
| | do. | Wm Borden | 5 do. | Mixt Tax | 1.. 16.. | 2.. 14 | Rhode at Newport |
| | do. | Henry Peckham | 1 do. | Class | .. 6.. | .. 9 | |
| | do. | Coddington & Dunbar | 5½ yds Tow Cloth | Mixt Tax | .. 10.. | .. 12 | |
| | do. | James Few | 1 Bridle | do. | 2.. 9 | .. 9 | |
| | Benjn Barker | Coddington & Dunbar | 1 Pr. Shoes | Mixt Tax | .. 6.. | .. 15 | |
| | Clarke Rodman | Borden & Dunbar | Sundry Household Furniture | Mixt Taxes & Class | 4.. 19.. 6 | 6.. | |
| | John Hadwen | William Borden | 15 Cord Wood | | 19 | 19 | |
| | do. | Borden, Coddington & Dunbar | a Store House | Sundry Taxes | 29.. 8 | not estimated. Sold for £29.. 8 | |
| | Thos Robinson | by John Grimes & Benjn Baker | A Cow | For raising Soldiers | 1.. 16.. | £15 | |
| | Thos Gould Junr | Caleb Pabody | a Cow | for raising Soldiers | 1.. 16.. | 5.. 8.. | |
| | do. | Giles Sandford | 2 Swine | Mixt Taxes | 1.. 1.. | 1.. 16 | |
| | do. | Oliver Durfee | a Cow | Mixt Taxes & purchasing Beef for the Army | 2.. 5.. | 6.. | |
| | Mathew Barker | Henry Peckham | Horse Shoes | Class | .. 6.. | .. 10.. | |
| | do. | Caleb Pabody | do. | Mixt Tax | .. 1.. | .. 2.. 8 | |
| | do. | Borden & Dunbar | Sundry Household Furniture | do. | 2.. 2.. 6 | " | |
| | John Goddard | Benjamin Baker | a Cow | Class | 1.. 4.. | 12.. | |
| | do. | Coddington & Dunbar | a fowling piece | mixt Tax | 1.. 10.. | 2.. 8.. | |
| | Robert Lawton | Giles Sandford | a Horse | for the support of War | 4.. 16.. | 13.. 10 | Middletown |
| | do. | Coddington & Dunbar | 2 Cords of Wood | Town Tax for do. | 1.. 16.. | 1.. 16 | Newport |
| | do. | Wm Borden | a Horse Cart | do. for do. | 6.. | 6.. | Newport |
| | Benjamin Gould | Arnold Slafford | 6 Chairs | for the support of War | | 4.. 10 | Granwich |
| | do. | do. & Abraham Greene | Sundry Household Furniture | | | 3.. 12 | Granwich |
| | do. | Newman & Dayton | a Fowling piece | Class | .. 18.. | 3.. | Newport |
| | do. | Wm Borden | a Cow | Mixt Taxes | 4.. 10.. | 9.. | Newport |
| | do. | Coddington & Dunbar | 12 Pr. Wool Cards | do. | 1.. 16.. | 3.. 18.. | |

At the Meeting for Sufferings in the 6th Mo 1782. Approved.

Signed by Order and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Newport by Adjournment the 6th of 6 Mo 1782

By Clarke Rodman Clerk

Total Value of the above account 973.. 2.. 4

Dartmouth y 15th M.o 1782

The above account was collected by us who were appointed for that purpose by the Month-ly Meeting of Dartmouth. John Williams, Caleb Greene, Sam.l Smith, Elijah Gifford, Thomas Hicks, * At a Meeting for Sufferings y 5th M.o 1782 It appearing upon Inspection & enquiry of one of the committee the 6th Column, which should be the Sum demanded. contains Sometimes the account of the demand and some-times the amount of the Articles sold for at Vandue being the account obtaind from the officers The Same is approved and directed to be recorded

Moses Brown Clerk

* The above Acct was read in this Meeting, and approvd, and directd to be sent up to the Meeting for Sufferings. Signd in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Dartmouth held by Adjournment the 8th of the 8th M.o 1782, By William & Anthony Clerk

# An Acc.t of Friends Sufferings in Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

| Date | From whom Taken | By whom taken | Articles Taken | What taken for | Demand | Value Taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1780. 7 mo 8th | Jacob Mott | Geo: Cornell Collector Tho.s Manchester Aid | 59 W.t Cheese | A Town Tax principally for the Support of War | £ 1.. 16.. | £ 1.. 19 |
| 1781. 10th M.o 19th | D.o | Giles Lawton Jun.r Collector | One Cow | mixt Taxes | 7.. | 10.. |
| 1779 10 M.o | Robert Estes | Pardon Tabor Collector | One Beef Cow & a great Coat. | A Fine | £7.. 10 | £ 10.. |
| 1780. 10 M.o 7 | Tho.s Estes | Benjamin Burdon Collector | Two Young Creatures | for Class mony & support of Soldiers | £3.. 6.. | £4.. 16.. |
| 1781. 6th M.o | d.o | John Howland Collector | A large Cow & Calf | for Class mony & mixt Taxes | 7.. | 10.. 12 |
| 8th M.o D.o | | Peleg Sandford Collector | Three young Cattle | | 4.. 15.. | 9.. 6 |
| 1782. 1 M.o 1 | Abraham Anthony | Giles Lawton Jun.r Collector | Two Cows | for mixt Taxes | £10.. 16.. 10 | £ 15.. |
| 1781. 5 M.o | Robert Dennis | Giles Lawton Jun.r Collector | One Cow | for mixt Taxes | 5.. 2.. | 10.. |
| 1780 7 M.o 8th | Isaac Lawton | George Cornell Collector | One Silver porrenger | for a Town Tax princi-pally for War charges | 2.. 2.. | 2.. 10 |
| 1782. 8 M.o 4 | D.o | Giles Lawton Jun.r Collector & Giles Slocum Jun.r aid | One Cow & three young Cattle | for mixt Taxes | 14.. 1.. 10 | 24.. |
| 1781: 12 M.o | Joseph Green | William Weeden Collector & John Howland Collector | Two Cows | for mixt Taxes | 6.. 6.. | 12.. |
| | D.o | | One Horse | for Class Mony | 3.. | 9.. |
| 1780. 7 M.o | James Chase | William Borden Collector | One Ox | for Class Mony | 9.. | 15.. |
| | d.o | Jos. Nichols & Henry Peckham | one Calf | do | 1.. 4.. | 3.. |
| 1781. 6 M.o | d.o | William Borden | Seven Cows | mixt Tax | 33.. 18.. | 73.. 10.. |
| 8 M.o | d.o | Oliver Durfee Collector & Wm Cornell aid | one Yearling | d.o | 1.. 4.. | 3.. 12.. |
| 10 M.o | d.o | Edward Coddington & Robert Dunbar | one fat Ox & one Cow | d.o | 15.. | 24.. |
| 1782. 5 M.o | d.o | Giles Sandford Collectr & Peter Peckham aid | One Cow | d.o | 2.. | 6.. |
| 1781. 3 M.o | James Mitchell & Son Richard | Caleb Pabody Collector | 5 Bushels Corn | mixt Tax | 1.. | 1.. 10.. |
| 1782. 4 M.o | d.o | Oliver Durfee | 10½ Bushels d.o | d.o | 1.. 17.. 6 | 2.. 2 |

Carried Forward

| | | | | | £ | s | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9mo | Caleb Greene | John Chaffee Constable | 1 Silver watch | Mer'd taxes | 4 | 18 | | 6 | |
| 1779 5mo 29 | Elijah Gifford | John Earl Constable and pardon Earl aid | 1 Cow | do | | 2 | | 6 | |
| 1780 5mo 5 | do | Do & Robert Earl aid | 1 Cow & 1 Heifer | do | | | | 16 | 10 |
| 8mo 16 | do | Robert Earl Constable & pardon Earl aid | 1 Cow | do | | | | 10 | |
| 12mo 5 | do | Do Do | 1 Mare | do | | | | 11 | |
| 1781 3mo 22 | do | do Earl Constable & Gabriel Hicks aid | 1 Heifer | do | | | | 7 | |
| 8mo 8 | do | John Earl Constable & Robert Earl aid | 1 Ox & 1 Heifer | Class taxes & other taxes | | | | 20 | 16 |
| 1779 5mo 8 | Benjamin Smith Junr | Richard Collins Constable w[m] Tallman 2[nd] & Daniel Wait aid | 1 Cow & one Calf | mixed taxes | 9 | 4 6 | | 9 | 0 |
| 8mo 28 | Do | Do Collins & do aid | 1 Cow | do | | | | 6 | 0 |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | do | do Collins & do aid | 1 pair of Steers | do | | 6 9 | | 13 | 10 |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | do | do Collins & do aid | 1 Cow & 1 Heifer | do | | 10 16 | | 13 | 10 |
| | do | do Collins & Jerathmael Cornell aid | 1 Heifer | do | | 2 8 | | 3 | 0 |
| 13 | do | Christopher Almy Constable & Robert Earl aid | 1 Cow & 1 pair of Steers | Class taxes and other mixed taxes | | | | 20 | 0 |
| 19 | do | Richard Collins Constable | 1 Cow | mixed taxes | | | | 5 | 5 |
| 1781 2mo | Hannah Smith Widow | Do Constable & Wm Wilcox & Jerathmael Cornell aid | 1 Cow 1 Heifer & 1 Calf | do | | 12 15 | | 16 | 10 |
| 5 | Seth Hart | do Constable with Jethro Badcock aid | 1 pair Steers | mixed taxes | | 2 14 | | 4 | 16 |
| | do | Christopher Almy constable Anthony Almy & Robert Earl aid | 1 Cow | Class Taxes and other taxes | | | | 6 | 0 |
| | Susannah Allen (Widow) | Richard Collins constable Cesar Russell Negro man aid | 2 Cows | mixed Taxes | | 13 13 | | 16 | 10 |
| 15 | Thomas Mott | Richard Collins constable & Jethro Badcock aid | 16 sheep | do | | 9 7 | | 12 | 0 |
| 1mo 12 | Barnabas Mowsher | Richard Collins constable | 1 Cow | do | | 7 10 | | 9 | 0 |
| 10mo 21 | Samuel Mowsher | Christopher Almy constable Anthony Almy and Robt Earl aid | 1 Heifer | class tax and other Taxes | | | | 6 | |
| 1779 5mo 8 | Ebenezer Allen | Richard Collins constable with Daniel Wait & Wm Tallman 2[nd] aid | 1 Cow & 1 Heifer | mixed Taxes | | 6 | | 7 | 10 |
| 28 | do | do Collins & do aid | 1 pair of Steers | do | | 5 14 | | 10 | 10 |
| 1781 mo 28 | do | do Collins & do aid | 1 Cow | do | | 7 11 | | 9 | 0 |
| mo 12 | do | do Collins & do aid | 1 Sithe horse geers & 1 pr Spurs | do | | 1 4 6 | | 2 | 8 |
| 1781 mo 1 | Gideon Howland | Rich[d] Collins with Wm Wilcox & Jerathm[l] Cornell aid | 2 Cows | do | | 12 4 6 | | 18 | 0 |
| mo 19 | do | Christopher Almy constable and Rich[d] Collins & Jeremiah Manchester aid | 1 Beef Ox 4 Cow and 3 Heifers | class Tax & other Taxes | | | | 51 | |
| about the mo 1781 | Stephen Buffington | Richard Collins constable & Benj[n] badcock & Jethro Badcock aid | 1 Stack of Hay | mixed Taxes | | 3 8 5 | | 4 | 10 |
| 6mo | Do | Dillo Collins Jethro badcock aid | 8 Sheep & 4 Lambs | Do | | 2 12 | | 3 | 4 |
| 1781 5mo 11 | Elisha Slocum | Rich[d] Collins Constable Wm Wilcox & Jerathmael Cornell aid | 1. 2 year old Heifer | do | | 2 2 | | 4 | 4 |
| do | Thomas Allen son of prince | do Collins constable & do aid | 2 Cows and 1 calf | do | | 11 5 | | 18 | |

| | | | | | £ s d | £ s d | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1778 1 mo | William Mowsher | David Smith Constable & Richd Collins aid | 12 of flax | mixd Taxes | 0 10 3 | 0 16 | |
| 5 Mo | do | Richard Collins Constable | 1 Cow | Do | 1 2 3 | 4 4 | |
| 1779 4 Mo 25 | Do | Do with Jethro Badcock aid | 1 Cow | Do | 3 1 4 0 | 10 16 | |
| 1780 1 Mo 19th | Do | Do with Ditto | 1 Cow | do | 2 15 9 | 7 10 | |
| 1781 3 mo 18 | Do | do with ditto | 1 Cow & 2 yearlings | do | 10 8 8 | 16 — | |
| 10 mo 24 | Do | Christopher Constable with Anthony Almy and Robert Earl aid | 1 Milch cow & 1 Beef cow | Class Tax and other Taxes | | 11 — | 55 6 |
| 1781 6 Mo | Benjamin Chace | Richard Collins Constable with Jethro Badcock Aid | 1 Mare | Mixd Taxes | 5 5 | 9 | |
| 1779 4 Mo | John Devol | Richd Collins Constable with Jethro Badcock & Joseph Devol aids | 1 pair of yearling bulls | Do | 1 8 7 | 4 16 | |
| 1780 1 mo 19 | Do | do Collins with Jethro Badcock & Walter wood Aids | 1 Cow | Do | 3 5 2 | 7 16 | |
| 1781 12 mo 1 | Do | do Collins & Jethro badcock aid | 2 Heifers | Do | 4 6 0 | 4 16 | |
| 1779 4 Mo | Seth Huttlestonie | Richard Collins constable & Jethro Badcock & Josh Devol Aids | 1 Cow | Do | 1 08 10 | 6 0 0 | |
| 1781 12 mo 1 | Do | Ditto Collins with Jethro Badcock & Walter Wood aids | 11 Sheep | do | 3 0 6 | 4 10 | |
| 1780 1 mo 19 | do | do Collins & Jethro badcock aid | 1 Cow | do | 2 6 6 | 8 5 | |
| 1780 1 mo 19 | Abial Gifford | Richard Collins with Jethro badcock Aid | 1 Cow | do | 6 6 | 10 — | |
| 1781 3 Mo 19 | Ditto | Do Do | 1 Cow | do | 3 3 | 9 — | |
| 1781 12 1 | David Gifford | do do | 10 Sheep | do | 1 13 | 8 — | |
| 1781 10 mo 24 | William Gifford | Christopher Almy constable with Robert Earl & Anth.y Almy aids | 1 Cow & 1 Heifer | Class Tax & other Taxes | | 10 16 | |
| 1778 6 mo 17 | Daniel Gifford | John Earl Constable & George Allen aid | 1 Cow | mixd taxes | | 7 10 | |
| 1781 8 mo 3 | do | Do & Robert Earl Aid | 1 Cow 1 Box & 1 Steer | Class taxes | | 31 10 | |
| 1781 10 mo | Giles Slocum | Christopher Almy constable Anthony Almy & Robert Earl aid | 6 head of fat Cattle & 2 Cows | Class Tax and other taxes | | 66 — | |
| 1781 10 23 | Abraham Howland | Do Almy & Robert Earl aid | 3 Cows | Do | | 17 8 — | |
| Do | Elijah Russell | Do Do | 3 fat Oxen | Do | | 46 13 4 | |
| 1781 11 19 | Benjamin Smith 4th | Do Almy & Richard Collins | 1 Cow | do | 2 8 4 | 5 8 — | |
| Do | Samuel Smith | do Almy constable Richard Collins & Robt Earl his aid | 1 pair of Oxen & 1 Cow | do | | 23 8 | |
| Do | Benjamin Howland | Do Almy Do Jepsons | 3 Cows | do | | 22 — | |
| 10 mo 24 | Jonahan Hart | Do Constable Robert Earl & Anthony Almy aid | 1 Cow | do | | 6 — | |
| 1781 10 Mo 30 | Joseph Russell | John Chaffee Constable with Josp kempton aid | 8 Cows & 2 pair of Oxen | Class tax | 4 9 17 6 | 94 16 | |

Carried up

At a Monthly Meeting held at Cakset by adjournment on the 31st day of the 5th mo 1781: the foregoing accounts was Collected by our Committee and presented to this Meeting, which was read in & approved by the same and we have appointed Abner Potter to present the above Acct to the next Setting of the Meeting for Sufferings.

Sign^d in & by order of this our Mett^g by Phillip Tripp Clk

Note, the above & foregoing Acct was approv^d of after a satisfactory enquiry into the clearness of the Friends who had their money taken, and directed the same to be recorded. — Moses Brown Clk

See a Minute of the Mett^g for Sufferings in the 2^th mo 1781 —

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## In account of Friends sufferings in the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth

| Who taken from | By whom taken | Things taken | what taken for | Amount of things sold as rendered by the Constable their fees included of which they rendered no Account | Value of things taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| Timothy Gifford Jun^r | George Brownell Constable | One Gun or fowling piece | Militia Rates | 2 .. 5 | 3 .. 12 |
| Do | John Earl Constable & George Allen Aid | Two Cow | do | . .. . | 16 .. 10 |
| Do | do Earl Pardon Earl Aid | 1 Cow | do | . . | 9 .. 0 |
| Do | do Earl with Robert Earl Aid | 1 Cow | do | | 10 .. 10 |
| Do | Robert Earl Constable & Pardon Earl Aid | 1 Cow | do | | 10 .. 10 |
| Do | do do | 1 Cow | do | | 12 .. 0 |
| Do | do Earl with Gabriel Hicks aid | 1 Heifer | do | | 6 |
| Do | John Earl with Rob^t Earl Aid | 1 pair of oxen | Class Tax and other Rates | | 27 |
| Thomas Hix | Richard Collins with Joseph Richeson aid | 1 Cow | do | | 9 .. 18 |
| Do | do Collins & Jerathmael Cornell aid | 10 3/4 yds of Broad Cloth | do | 4 .. 7 .. 9 | 7 .. 15 |
| William Anthony & Son William | Richard Collins with Wm Tallman 2^nd & Dan^l Wait aid | 2 Cows & one Calf | do | 13 .. 4 | 13 .. 10 |
| do | Do Collins | 1 Cow | do | 3 .. 12 | 6 |
| do | by the Same | 1 Cow | do | 17 .. 04 | 6 .. 12 |
| Do | Do | 10 X | do | 7 .. 16 | 13 .. 10 |
| Do | Do | 2 Cows | do | 12 .. 10 | 12 .. 18 |
| Do | Do Collins with Jerathmael Cornell & Wm Wilcox aid | 1 Cow | do | 4 .. 13 | 7 .. 10 |

Carried over

# &c. of Sufferings from Coasts Mg Meetg

| Time when taken | From whom taken | By whom taken | Articles taken | What taken for | Demand | Value in silver |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12mo 1780 or 1mo 1781 | Benjn Peckt | Robt Earl Const. | 23 Yds new Flannel Cloth | for a Rate to support War | £3:16 | £4:12- |
| Late in Year 1780 | Benja Tripp | Robt Earl Const. | Money | for a rate to support War | £3-0-0 | 3-0-0 |
| 25. 7mo 1780 | David Peckt | Robt Earl Const. | a 2 Yr Old Horse | for a fine being draft for a Soldier | £150 paper | £10-14-0 |
| 25. 7mo 1780 | Benj. Tripp | Robt Earl Const. | One Cow | for a fine being Drafted for a Soldier | £150 paper | £9:18-0 |
| 25. 7mo 1780 | David Russel | Robt Earl Do. | One Cow | for a fine beg. drafted for Soldr | £150 paper | £10-10-0 |
| 26. 7mo 1780 | Jacob Chace | Robt Earl Do. | One Cow. | for fine beg. draft. for Soldr | £150 paper | £12-0-0 |
| Late in year 1780 | Joshua Peckt | Robt Earl Do. | One Cow | for 2 Rates to Support War by the best Acct we have obtain | £5:19 Silver £27 paper | £8-8-0 |
| 6. 12mo 1780 | Phillip Tripp | Robt Earl Do. | One Cow | for 2 Rates as above | £4-4 in silver £22 in paper | £6-12- |
| 30. 1st mo 1781 | Wid. Wilbur | Aaron Simmons Collector | One Yoke Oxen | for a Rate to pay Soldiers bounty & all ese Money | £8:13:11 | £22:00 |
| Late in year 1780 | Benj. Soule | Robt Earl Const. | Money. | Rates for Support of War | Silver £2:11:3 Paper £11:13:10 | £2:15:3 |
| Late in year 1780 | Israel Wood | Robt Earl Do. | Money | for 2 Rates to Support War | Silver £8:9:5 paper £38:5:7 | £8:19:11 |
| 1. 12mo 1780 | Eber Davis | Robt Earl Do. | Money & 1 Linen Sheet | for 2 Rates to Support War as we Suppos | no Demand made | £3:10:4½ |
| 12mo 1780 | Jacob Chace | Robt Earl Do. | Money. | for Rates to Support War Paper | in silver £4:12:10½ £21:8:11 | about £5-0-0 |
| 12mo 1780 | Ephr. Potter | Robt Earl Do. | One Cow | for Rate to Support war | £6:4-0 | £10:10-0 |
| 11 mo 1780 | Zepheniah Eddy | Robt Earl Do. | Mony & 2 Calves | for rate to Support war | Demand not known | £2:14-0 |
| 1. 12 mo 1780 | Job & John Cornel Brothers in Copt | Robt Earl Do. | 6 likely Sheep | for rate to support war | £2:16:10 | £4:4-0 |
| 7. 4 mo 1781 | John Macumber 2 | Aaron Simmons Collector | 1 Horse & bridle | for Cash Money. | £8:2:0 | £16:16-0 |
| 11mo 1780 | David Peckt | Robt Earl Collect. | 1 Yearl Heifer | for a Rate to support War | Demand not known | 6-0-0 |
| Late in year 1780 | Abner Potter | Robt Earl Const. | Money. | for rates to support war | £4:9:9 Silver & 20 or upwds paper | £4:16-0 |
| 12mo 1780 | Henry Eddy | Robt Earl Do. | Money | for a Rate for Support of War | £2:8:0 | £2-8- |
| 11. 12mo 1780 | Nathr Eddy | Robt Earl Do. | 1 Yearl Calf | for a Rate for Support of War | £0:18-0 | £1-10-0 |
| 11. 12mo 1780 | Ebenr Eddy | Robt Earl Do. | Money. | for a Rate to Support War | Demand not known | £0-19:11 |
| 12mo 1780 | Abiel Macomber | Robt Earl Do. | 6 Sheep | for a Rate to support War | not known | £3:0-0 |
| 11 mo 1780 | John Mosier 2 | Robt Earl Do. | Money | for a Rate to Support war | £2:11. | £2:11-0 |

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# Acc from Southkingstown. Brot up & Continued

| When taken | From whom taken | By whom taken | Articles taken | What taken for | Demand | Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 mo | Peleg Peckham | Dan[l] Sherman | One Horse | Clas[s] Money & a Rate to support War | £8:5:2 & some Charges | £15-0-0 |
| 5 mo 1780 | John Knowles | Abel Hall | One Bull | Clas[s] Money for raising Sold[rs] | £1-2:9 | 4-0-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | John Knowles | Abel Hall | One Cow | Rate for raising Sold[rs] as Underst[d] | £5:5:3 | 6:10-0 |
| 5 th mo 1781 | Sim[n] Perry | Nath[l] Kinyon | 1 3 year old Heifer | for Town Rate to repay money borrow[d] to raise Sold[rs] | £3-8-6 | 6:10-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | Edward Perry | Nath[l] Kinyon | One Cow | for Town Rate to repay Money borrow[d] to raise Sold[rs] | £2:18-6 | 6:10-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | Tho[s] Wilbur | Jesse Mayson | 4 Calves | for a Town Rate to raise Money to raise Sold[rs] as Under[d] | £4:12:9 | £7-12-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | Tho[s] Wilbur | Pine & Edw[d] | One Cow | for a Rate & Class money to call to support War Understood | £8:1:0 | £7-10-0 |
| 3 mo 1781 | Joseph Collins | Pine & Edward | 1 Heifer & 1 Iron bar | for Class Money so call[d] to raise Soldiers | £4:8:- | £5-0-0 |
| 5 mo | Amos Collins | Jesse Mayson & Pine & Edward | 9 Sheep | Class money so call[d] Town Rate for support of War & Imd[y] | £2-4-2 | £5:8-0 |
| 5 mo 1780 | Stephen Hoxsie | Abel Hall | a Gun & Iron bar | to pay y[e] hire of a Sold[r] Imd[y] | £2-5-0 | £3-0-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | Steph[n] Hoxsie | Abel Hall | One Cow | for class money so call[d] to hire Sold[rs] | £4:12-0 | 6:0-0 |
| 5 mo 1781 | John Gorton | Nath[l] Kinyon | One Yearling Heifer | for Town rate to repay money borrow[d] to raise Sold[rs] | £1:11-6 | £2 14-0 |

To the monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Southkingstown y[e] 28th day of the 5th mo 1781 We the Subscribers being a Committee to collect an account of Friends sufferings belonging to this M[o] & M[tg] for refusing to comply with the Requisitions for supporting War &c, having collected the above Acc[t] from the Sufferers do return the same as above

Benjamin Hoxsie
Thomas Wilbur
Andrew Nichols Jun[r]
Peter Hoxsie
Simeon Perry

Copy Examined by Peleg Peckham Clk

The above and foregoing Acc[t] of Suffering from the M[o] & M[tg] at Southkingstown was approved at a M[tg] for Sufferings held in y[e] 6th mo 1781 at Smithfield and ordered to be recorded — Witness Moses Brown Clk

A Further Account of the Sufferings of Friends Belonging to Greenwich Monthly Meeting; on account of Military Requisitions and Rates or Taxes, Specially for the Support of War Value set on Lawful Silver Money

| Time when taken | From whom taken | By whom taken | Articles taken | what taken for | Demand | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th Mo 1777 | Jonas Wanton | Jonathan Spragg Serg | One Cow | For not attending as a Soldier | £ 2. 8. 0 | £ 6. 9. 0 |
| 10th Mo 1778 | Ditto | Randal Brigg Serg | One pair of oxen & one Cow | For the hire of a Soldier | 2, 0, 0 | 18, 0, 0 |
| 22nd 9th 5th Mo 1781 | Ephraim Congdon | John Green Collr | Two Cows | Rates & Class Money | 12, 16, 6 | 20, 0, 0 |
| 22nd 5th Mo 1781 | Caleb Bailey | Malachi Rhodes Collectr | One pair of oxen & Yoke | Class Money | 14, 16. 2 | 27, 12, 0 |
| 5th Mo 1781 | Thomas Aldrich | Elig.a Lewis Collr | One Heyfer | Rates & Class Money | 2. 7. 5 | 9, 12, 0 |
| 5th Mo 1781 | Jeremiah Spencer | Smith & Lewis Collectrs | 4 Shoats | Rates & Class Money | 1, 17, 0 | 5, 5, 0 |

The above was collected by the Committee appointed for that purpose and presented to the Monthly Meeting held at Greenwich 4th of 6th Mo 1781 which was accepted by said Meeting and the same directed to be Signed by the & sent up to the Meeting for Sufferings at their Next Meeting

Approved Thomas Aldrich Clerk

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# Acct of Sufferings from Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23: 9th mo 1780 | John Dye | Abel Hall Collr | One Calf | 1 Rate for Colony Money raised 1780 | 0-16-0 | 0-18-0 |
| 6th 3d mo 1781 | John Dye | Abel Hall Collr | One Cow | a Rate for 1780 & 1781 understood | 2-8-5 | 6-0-0 |
| 5th 3d mo 1781 | Solo.n & Peter Hazard | Abel Hall Collr | Two Cows | a Rate for 1781 Bounty & other Expence to Support War & 2 Class rates to Collect, as understood for raise Soldiers = 9 - 12 about | | 16:16:0 |
| 17th 5th mo 1781 | Thomas Hazard & Hazard Champlin | Dan.l Shearman | 6 Cow & 1 Calf | Class Money so Called, &c for support of War | 47:16:7 | 46:0:0 |
| 14th 2d mo. | Peleg Peckham | Hazard Champ.n | One Silver Watch | as Understood Class money so Called & town Tax which is understood way to support war | 4:16:6 | 6:18. |

# A further Acc.t of Friends Sufferings belonging to Greenwich Monthly Meeting

in having their property taken for Taxes particularly and especially for the support of wars and for what is called class money levied for the raising & paying Soldiers - the demand being made in Lawful silver Money and the value in the same specie

| Time when taken. | Whom taken from. | By whom taken. | Things taken. | What taken for. | Demand. | Value taken |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.d M.o 1780 | Daniel Healey | Anthony Holden | One Heifer | Rates & abov.d | 2.. 15.. 0 | £6.. 0.. 0 |
| 2.d M.o 1781 | Same | Smith Collins | One Cow & one Heifer | Rates & Class money | 7.. 19.. 4 | 15.. 0.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1780 | Thomas Aldrich | Anthony Holden | One Heifer | Rates aforesaid | 4.. 16.. 0 | 6.. 0.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | Same | Samuel Smith | One Cow | Rate | 5.. 5.. 0 | 9.. 0.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o | Same | George Arnold | Some Hides & Leather & Glabs | Class money | .. 19.. 6 | 1.. 10.. 0 |
| 4.th M.o 1780 | William Spencer | Anthony Holden | Two Calves | Rate | 2.. 6.. 0 | 3.. 0.. 0 |
| 4.th M.o 1781 | Same | Smith & Lewis collect.rs | One Cow & one year ling Calf | Rates & class money | 7.. 4.. 0 | 12.. 0.. 0 |
| 10.th M.o 1780 | Jeremiah Spencer | Anthony Holden | Two Calves & three Bar.ls of Cyder | Rate | 8.. 0.. 0 | 6.. 0.. 0 |
| 10.th M.o 1781 | Same | Smith & Lewis | One Bull & one Heifer | Rates & Class money | 6.. 13.. 9 | 12.. 0.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | Paul Greene | George Arnold collect.r | Two Cows one Heifer one Sh.p Rid one ditto Indian corn fodder Sole Leather 2 Dress.d Calfskins 2 Pair Sheep one p.r Boots | Class money | 30.. 4.. 3 | 47.. 16.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | Nathaniel Clark | Stephen Conger | One Cow & one Heifer | Rates & Class money | 6.. 12.. 0 | 14.. 0.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | Cary Spencer | Smith & Lewis | two Bar.ls of Cyder | Rates & Class money | .. 15.. 6 | 1.. 16.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | Joseph Mitchel | George Arnold | some curried Leather & some Calfskins | Rates & Class money | 1.. 12.. 0 | 1.. 17.. 0 |
| 3.d & 4.th M.o 1781 | John Casey | Smith & Lewis | three Calf Skins one Goat Do. | Rates & Class money | 2.. 2.. 8 | 2.. 17.. 0 |
| 3.d M.o 1781 | John Aylesworth | Elijah Lewis | A Stone plate | Rates &c. | 0 .. 7 | 0.. 9.. 0 |
| 3.d & 4.th M.o 1781 | Nathan Greene | Elijah Lewis | Three p.rs Sheep skins | Class money | 1.. 5.. 11 | 2.. 0.. 6 |
| | ame | George Arnold | Four p.r Sheep skins | Class money | 1.. 10.. 10 | 2.. 10.. 6 |
| 4.th M.o 1781 | John Greene Sen.r John | George Arnold | Eleven p.r of Sheep skins | Class money | 1.. 11.. 0 | 2.. 10.. 0 |
| 4.th M.o 1781 | George Vaughan jun.r | Jos.h Nicoll Collect.r | One mare | Rates & Class money | 8.. 14.. 7 | 12.. 0.. 0 |

The above was collected from Accounts given in by the Sufferers by a Committee appointed for that purpose and presented to the Monthly Meeting held at Crawdon for Greenwich the 7.th of 3.d M.o 1781. which was accepted & the Clerk directed to send the same up to the Meeting for Sufferings, at their next Meeting -

Signed by Order & said Meeting - By Jno Aldrich Clk

# A further Acc.t of Friends Sufferings in Accokset Monthly Meeting

| Date 1778 mo | day | whose taken from | by whom taken | Things taken | what taken for | Demand £ | s. | d. | Value taken £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 26 | Jonathan Gifford | Zebedee Studdard Town Sergeant, warrant from the Town Council of Little Compton | One Mare | for non attendance as a soldier 20 day | 32 | 14 | | 36 | | |
| 11 | 9 | John Macomber | by ditto, warrant from d.o | One new Cart & Wheels, & one Cow yoke | for ditto — | 30 | | | 50 | | |
| 9 | 16 | James Chace | Ethanah Palmer Constable, warrant from ditto | One Cow | for the ditto of his for | 31 | | | 35 | | |
| 3. | | David Trip | Philip Pring Town Sergeant | Money out of his Cont — | for not standing guard — | | | | 2 | 8 | |
| 10. | | Ditto — | Ethanah Palmer Constable, warrant from the Town Council | Money, out of a chest unlock'd by Constable having after much searching found the Keys — | to pay the fine of a man in his (David's) stead, as a soldier — | | | | 30 | | |

N.B. tho' money hath been twice taken from this friend, it appears upon full examination of the Circumstances that he was clear in his Testimony.

Those Accounts from Accokset Monthly Meeting were Certified by that Meeting, & signed by Philip. Trip Clerk to have been Collected by one of their appointed Committee to Collect Sufferings, & to have been Inspected & approved by said Meeting: tho' not in the above form, being contrary in Recording.

# A further account of the Sufferings of Friends in South Kings Town Monthly Meeting

| Date 1778 mo | day | whom taken from | by whom taken | things taken | what taken for | Demand L. | S. | d. | Value taken L. | S. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | | Peleg Peckham | Ebenezer Hoxsie, Town Serjeant, by warrant signd William Potter Council Clerk | One mare, One Cow, Saddle & bridle | for hire of a man in his room as a Soldier | 49 | | | 58 | | |
| | | The demand & Coll, was paid and he paid William Jenckes back again, (being more than 50 of the 50) | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 16 | Simeon Perry | Daniel Hinyon, by warrant signd James Congdon, Council Clerk | Three Cows | for self and Jun's non attendance as Soldiers | Simeon 60 | with Costs | | 72 | | |
| 11 | 12 | Thos: Hazard of Robert | | One pair of 2 yrs, and an tage Steers; & one likely milch Cow | for hireing a man to go on the expedition against Rhode Island in Room of Lieut Thomas | 50 | | | 75 | | |
| 11 | 17 | John Nichols | Clerk Allens | Demand & Coll, Saddle and bridle | for hire of a man in his Stead as a Soldier | 21 | | | 100 | | |
| 9 | 15 | Barnabas Hoxsie | Sam[t] Stanton, warrant from Tho[s] Sefft Council Clerk | one 2 year old Heifer & a 2 year old Steer | to pay the hire of a Man as Soldier in the Campaign on Rhode Island | 30 | | | 37 | | |
| 9 | 14 | John Lee | Ditto, warrant, ditto | One pair of Oxen | to pay a man as Soldier in his son Tim's stead in the Campaign ditto | 45 | | | 60 | | |
| 9 | 15 | John Knowles | Ditto, warrant, ditto | 1 pair 3 year old Bulls, & 1 Cow | for the hire of a man in his son Tim's room as a Soldier in ditto | 53 | | | 75 | | |
| 9 | 15 | Stephen Hoxsie | ditto, warrant, ditto. | two, 3 year old Steers & 1 yearling | for d[o] in his son Presbury's room | 50 | & Charges | | 62 | | |
| 9 | 15 | Peter Hoxsie | ditto, warrant, ditto | 1 pair 4 year old Steers & a mare | for d[o] in his room | 52 | 10 & Charges | | 80 | | |
| 11 | 18 | Joseph Collins | Jeremiah Tibbs, by warrant from the Council Clerk | 2 Cows | for d[o] | ab: 34 | & Costs | | 60 | | |
| in Sept | the | Edward Perry | Daniel Hinyon, by warrant signd John James Congdon, Council Clerk | 1 pair 2 year old Steers | for hire of a man in his stead as a Soldier for 29 days | ab: 33 | | | 33 | | |
| 2 | 26 | Ditto | by ditto, warrant ditto | 2 Cows | for hire of a man in his stead in the Expedition ags[t] Rhode Island | ab: 43 | 16 & Costs | | 75 | | |
| in Sept | the | John Gorton | Ebenezer Sefft, warrant from the Council Clerk | 1 pair of Oxen | for hire of a man in his room as a Soldier for 20 days | ab: 35 | | | ab: 90 | | |

N.B. These are by Benjamin & Simeon Perry Present being Q & from, still retaining the Name of South Kingstown. — Q. for Richmond.

being signd by the several Sufferers Hoxsie, Thomas Wilbur, their Committee; but

were returned to and paid Peter Hoxsie, Andrew Mc Kay Tim recording were contained in the

| Date 1778 | whom taken from | by whom taken | things taken | what taken for | Demand £ | s. | d. | value taken £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| mo: day | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 25 | Saml: Arnold of ditto — | by ditto — — | One Cow | to pay for Soldiers hired in stead of Jos & Jon — | Lab. 20 | | | 25 | | |
| 1. 4 1779 | John Reed of ditto — | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | Two Cows | for not going a Soldier when drafted | 26 | | | 60 | | |
| 9 11 1778 | Adam Harkness Jr | by David Aldrich Sowr Sergeant, warrant Signd, Danl Mowry Jur Counsil Clerk | One Cow | for the hire of a man to go as a Soldier in his stead, in an expedition against Rhode Island | 17 | | | 30 | | |
| 9 19 | Elisha Bowen of Scituate | by John Pratt, deputy Sheriff, warrant Signd John Harris, Council Clerk | One horse & two small Stacks of Hay | On acc: of his Sons non attendance as a Soldier when drafted to go to Rhode Island | 33 | 6 | | 75 | | |
| Oct: 9 1 | Azariah Arnold of Smithfield | David Aldrich, Sowr Sergeant, warrant Signd Dan: Mowry Jur Council Clerk | One Ox | for not serving as a Soldier in the expedition ag:t Rhode Island | 30 | | | 50 | | |
| Oct: 1 1779 | Jonathan Arnold Jun: of ditto | by ditto warrant Signd ditto — | two Cows | for ditto — | 34 | | | 60 | | |
| 12 24 1778 | Rufus Smith of ditto | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | One 3 year old Mare | for ditto — | 27 | 8 | 6 | 60 | | |
| 1. 1779 | Wm Buffum of ditto | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto | One Cow & one Steer | for ditto — | 27 | | | 45 | | |
| 2 11 1778 | Armanius Mowry Junr | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | One Cow | for ditto — | 26 | | | 38 | | |
| 1. 1779 | Jacob Arnold. | by ditto, warrant ditto — — | One Cow & six Sheep | for the hire of two men, in stead of self & Son to go in the Expedition ag:t Rhode Island | 44 | | | 56 | | |
| 1 | George Arnold, | by ditto warrant, ditto | One horse | for the hire of a man to goin his stead, for a Soldier in the expedition to Rhode Island — | 32 | | | 60 | | |
| 1 | Jonathan Southwick | by ditto warrant Signd ditto — | one Cow — | for the hire of a man in his Son's room as a Soldier — | 15 | | | 40 | | |
| 9 17 1778 | Joseph Buffum. | By ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | One Mare | for the hire of a man in his Son's room as a Soldier — | 28 | | | 80 | | |
| 9 | Benjamin Smith — | ditto, warrant. ditto | One Cow & one heifer | for the hire of a man in his stead as a Soldier — | 30 | | | 43 | | |
| 12 31 | Jonathan Mowry — | ditto, warrant ditto | two Cows | for ditto — | 27 | | | 60 | | |
| 1. 1779 | Robert Jenkins Jun. | ditto, warrant ditto | One Cow | for ditto — | 22 | | | 36 | | |
| 9. 1778 | Jabez Wing. | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | One Yoke of Oxen — | for the hire of men in stead of his two Sons as Soldiers | 46 | | | 100 | | |
| 1. 1779 | Elisha Thornton | by ditto, warrant Signd ditto — | One Cow | for the hire of a Man in his stead as a Soldier — | 12 | | | 36 | | |
| The foregoing is a true Record of the Sufferers, warrants Signed by us this 5th day of Novr 1779 Approved & Signed by the Monthly Meeting the same day Tho Lapham Clk | | a true Account of the Substance of which Sufferers, was Collected & Examined by us Moses Harris Elisha Thornton Job Scott | | being Signed by a Committee appointed for that purpose | | | | | | |

# A further Account of Friend's Sufferings in Smithfield Monthly Meeting

| Date 1778 mo | day | whom taken from | by whom taken | things taken | What taken for | Demand £ | s. | d. | value taken £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 18 | Amasa Gray of Providence | Wm Rhodes, by warrant from the Town Council of Providence | Three large Cattle | for non attendance a soldier 15 days | 6 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 7 | 21 | Brown of Providence | by Martin Simmons Collector of Rates, & late High Sheriff | Six boxes of Sperma-ceti Candles | for hiring a person by the Town Council to join his Name on an Expedition to Rhode Island, demanded for which was 19 16: and for Town & Government Taxes for the purpose of hearing amounting to 2 13, which he was not ready to pay: he warrants were from the Town Council & General Treasurer. The whole demand was | 92 | 10 | | The Candles sold at Vendue for 65 | 1 | 10½ |
| | | | | | N.B. they being taken altogether, he could not seperate them | | | | | | |
| 10 | 17 | ditto | Wm Rhodes, high Sheriff, warrant from the Town Council | One ditto | for the hiring a person to goan a second expedition against Rhode Island, in his Name | 19 | 10 | | 30 | | |
| | | Daniel Anthony of Providence | Jonathan Pike Town Sergeant, warrant from the Town Council dated August 17th 1778 | two fat Steers | for the hiring a person in his stead, to go as a soldier in an expedition against Rhode Island | 19 | 10 | | 50 | | |
| 9 | 8 | David Buffum of Smithfield | David Brier Town Sergeant, warrant Signd Daniel Mowry Town Council Clerk | two Cows | Said to be to pay a Man for going on an expedition to Rhode Island, as a soldier, in his room | 30 | | | 48 | | |
| 9 | 8 | Thos Lapham Junr of ditto | by ditto, & one Cook for aid, warrant from ditto | One good Cow, & one large year-ling Bull & Heifer | for Ditto | 30 | 8 | 6 cost | 57 | | |
| 9 | 8 | Hugh Lapham of ditto | by ditto & Cook warrant from ditto | two Cows | for Ditto | 30 | | | 54 | | |
| 9 | 8 | Joseph Comstock of ditto | by ditto, warrant from do | two Cows & two years & a vantage heifer | for self & Son not going as Soldiers the Cost | 56 | | | 90 | | |
| 9 | 9 | Joseph Jenckes of ditto | by ditto; warrant Signd ditto | a Young horse | for not appearing in an Expedition against Rhode Island | 30 | with Cost | | 60 | | |
| 10 | 20 | George Comstock of ditto | by ditto, warrant Signd do | One Cow & one heifer 2 years old last Spring | one acre of a man hired in his stead to go as a soldier in the Expedition against Rhod Island | 30 | | | 45 | | |

| Date 1778 | | of whom taken | by whom taken | Things taken | what taken for | Demand £ | s | d | Value taken £ | s |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. | day | from | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 4 | Caleb Bartley | John Wightman Constable, warrant by order of the Town Council Greenwich | One Yoke of Oxen | to pay the hire of a Soldier, in the Head of his Son Hampton | 3 | 5 | 6 | 80 | |
| 9 | 2 | Tho. Baker | Randal C Brigs Town Sergeant, Warrant from the town Council of Hampton | One pare of Oxen | for hire of a man in his stead as a Soldier | 6 | 2 | 6 | 90 | |
| 10 | 5 | Elisha Harris | by Fitts warrant by ditto | One Ditto | for ditto | 6 | 2 | 6 | 100 | |

The above & foregoing accounts were Certified to have been given in & signed by the Sufferers the Warrants by which the Goods were taken from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Collected from the particular accounts & from Copies of Copies of

Ephraim Congdon
D Howland
Paul Greene

N. B. In recording the foregoing accounts are Contracted in the present length & for myself fear to contain the substance of the Original which I passed the Monthly Meeting and is on file

Sea-Bottle, & one pair of Stillards, for
and standing guard; their
what Cows taken, are Judged to

NB the Record Abstract
Settlers &c Complained
of Left Sept 1 1777 or
78 before that yearly Meeting

145
27 126

Jos. Lowle

## Further Account of Sufferings, from Greenwich Monthly Meeting

| Date 1778 mo | day | whom taken from | by whom taken | Things taken | what taken for | Demand £ | s. | Value £ | s. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 29 | Abraham Anthony of Warwick | John Stafford Town Sergeant by Warrant from Town Council | Three fat Sheep | to pay a Soldier hired instead of him for Jo. who did not | 7 | 17 | 13 | 10 |
| 10 | 2 | Ditto | Ditto, warrant from Ditto | One Cow & two heifers | Ditto | 60 | 7 | 68 | |
| 10 | 1 | Nathan Green of East Greenwich | Arnold Stafford Constable, warrant from Town Council | 229½ lb of Lead | for non attendance as a Soldier | 75 | 10/10 | 103 | 7 |
| 9 | 16 | Tho: Mack of Ditto | by ditto, warrant from ditto | One horse & one Ox | for Ditto | 66 | 86 Cost | 80 | |
| 9 | 28 | Wm Spencer of ditto | Abraham Green Town Sergeant & Arnold Stafford Constable warrant from Town Council | One three year Old Mare | for Ditto | 45 | 60 Cost | 78 | |
| 9 | 21 | Daniel Howland of Ditto | by ditto, warrant by order of ditto | One pair of likely Young Oxen & two Cows | to pay two men to serve as Soldiers in stead of him self & his son Joseph | 90 | 86 Cost | 140 | |
| 9 | 17 | Jeremiah Spencer of Ditto | by Ditto, warrant by ditto — | Three Oxen & one Cart & Wheels — | to pay two men as Soldiers in stead of him self & his son Moses | 126 | 66 Cost | 217 | |
| 8 | 11 & 18 & 19 | ditto | by ditto warrant by ditto — | Three tons of good hay by estimation | | | | | |
| 10 | 10 | Benjamin Howland of Warwick | John Stafford, Town Sergeant, Warrant by order of the Town Council | One Cow & Sixteen Sheep | for non attendance as a Soldier | 66 | 7 & [illegible] | 75 | |
| 7 | 7 | John Cozey | John Wightman Constable, warrant by order of the Town Council of Warwick | Nine fat Cattle | for Ditto | 6 | 13 & Cost | 11 | 54 |
| 9 | 14 | Paul Gran[illegible] | Ditto warrant by ditto — — | One five year Old Mare, one Cow, one three year old heifer, five Sheep & Nine Lambs | for self and sons non attendance as Soldiers — — | 120 | 86 Cost | 145 | |
| 10 | 10 | James Green Son of James dec[illegible] of Warwick | John Stafford Town Sergeant, warrants by Order of Council | 58½ Cord of wood | for non compliance with some military requisition | 68 | 11 | 105 | 6 |

At further account from Friends of Greenwich Monthly Meeting

The following are accounts of the sufferings of William Hilbon of Little-Compton, one of Our Members

Money taken out of his house, 6£, 2s, on the 20th of the 6th mo 1777. by William Cook, Clerk, by a Warrant from William Beatty Ensign, for 6£ 2s 9d demanded for his two sons refusing to bear arms and keep guard—

On the 29th of the 10th mo. 1777. there was taken from him one yoke of Oxen, & one Heifer, valued at 8£ for 53£ 2s demand, by Philip Dring, Town Serjeant, by a Warrant from the Town Council, on account of his two sons refusing to bear arms as Soldiers.

Also a leave account Collected by us

Philip Tripp Jr
James Soule
Benjamin Soule

Little Compton y: 25th of the 11th mo. 1777, there was taken from Esther Gifford, one of our Members, by Philip Dring, Town Serjeant, one feather bed, one bolster, two pillows, & Case, one Coverlet, five thick blankets, two sheets, one pair of hand Irons; all to the value of £60, or thereabouts, by a Warrant from the Town Council of said Town, for £3: 2s demand, for her sons refusing to bear arms one month as Soldiers

Philip Tripp
Benjamin Soule
James Soule

A Committee to Collect the sufferings of Friends

Little Compton, the 28th of the 2nd mo 1778, Taken from Joha[illegible] Hanmber, one of our Members, by Ephraim Simmons, Collector, for said Town, one Copper Sea

The foregoing Accounts were Collected & examined, by us who were appointed by Said Monthly Meeting for that purpose

Moses Hannum
Job Scott

N. B. The Substance of Said accts were Signed by the Several Sufferers, except the prices of a few of the things, which they left for us to ascertain; & it is to be noted that the prices are fixed according as things went in the paper Currency, at the times when taken. Therefore evasion —

The 1st of the 12th mo. 1777. I had taken from me four Cows, & one, two & vantage bull, by Eli Read Town Serjeant, by warrant from Daniel Mowry Council Clerk for the town of Smithfield, for two Men's being hired as Soldiers, one month, in the room of two of my Sons who were drafted. valued at £60 —

Demanded 49:12

Joseph Buffum

The 1st of the 12th mo 1777.

I had taken from me one Yoke of three, & vantage Steers by Eli Read, Town Serjeant, by warrant from Daniel Mowry. Council Clerk for the Town of Smithfield, to pay for a Man to serve as a Soldier, one month, in my Son's room, who was drafted —

Valued at £37

Demanding 24:12

Benjamin Buffum

Taken from the Subscriber, on or about the 1st of the 12th mo 1777 by Eli Read, Town Serjeant with a warrant signed Daniel Mowry Council Clerk two Cows, & a Calf, of about 8 or 10 days old, said to be for to pay for a man hired in my room, for one month, for a Soldier; demand 27; and as understood sold for — £30 —

Benjamin Arnold

| Date 1777 | | whom taken from | by whom taken | Things taken | what taken for | Demand £ | s. | | value taken £ | s. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| m9 | day | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 25 | Joseph Bass | by Eli Read | one horse | for 1 month non attendance as a soldier | 5 | | | 30 | | |
| 11 | | Benjamin Hutchinson | | 2 Cows & 1 yearling Heifer | all on account of military requisition | 36 | 10 | = | 38 | | 4 |
| before | | ditto | | 2 blankets | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 1 | George Comstock | by Eli Read, warrant from Daniel Mowry Council Clerk | 1 Cow & 2 yearling heifers | for non attendance as a soldier | 24 | 12 | | 30 | | |
| 11 | | Sabey King | by ditto, warrant from ditto | one horse | for ditto | 22 | 10 | | 45 | | |
| 12 | | Joseph Comstock | by ditto, warrant from do | two Cows | for ditto | 24 | some sheep | | 30 | | |
| 1778 | | Jonathan Mowry | by ditto, warrant from ditto | 138 lb of butter | for ditto | 22 | 10 | | 31 | | |
| 1777 | | Jacob Arnold | by ditto, warrant from ditto | 2 Cows | for ditto | 24 | 18 | | 31 | | 12 |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1776 | | ditto | by John Tift Clerk, warrant from Ebenezer Croft, Capt. | one narrow ax | for training fine | 3 | | | 5 | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1775 | | Lawrence Southwick Junr. | by the Select men of Uxbridge | One gun | for war Service | | | | 1 | 10 | |
| 1776 | | George Grafton Hill | Joseph Benson jun.r Constable of Mendon, warrant from the Assessors | two quart Bason | for a Rate to pay for Gun, & ammunition for war | | | | 1 | | |
| 1776 | | Joseph Southwick | by ditto, warrant from do | 1 narrow ax & shoe hammer | for ditto | | | | | | 12 |
| 1777 | | Thomas Harris | by Joseph Kimball, Town Sergeant of Situate, warrant signd John Wetteot, Council Clerk | One Yoak of Oxen | for non attendance as a soldier | 30 | | | 37 | | |
| 6 | | Joseph Farnum | Ezekiel Angel, member of Assembly | One blanket | for use of Soldiers | | | | 1 | 4 | |
| 11 | | ditto | Eli Read Town Serjeant warrant signd Dan.l Mowry Council Clerk | One Cow & one silver watch | for non attendance as a soldier | 22 | 10 | | 33 | | |
| 11 | | Benj.a Smith | ditto | One yoke Oxen | for ditto | 27 | | | 41 | 10 | |
| 1776 | 6 | Ebenezer Gaskill | Joseph Benson jun.r Constable of Mendon, warrant from Assessors | One Ax, & two 3 pint Basons | for a Rate to pay for guns and ammunition for war | | | | 1 | 12 | |
| 1777 | | Augustus Gaphaw | Eli Read, Town Serjeant warrant signd Dan.l Mowry Council Clerk | One yoke of Oxen | for non attendance as a soldier | 27 | | | 50 | | |
| 12 | | Benj.a Wing | ditto, warrant signd ditto | One ditto | for ditto | 26 | 6 | | 34 | | |
| 11 | | Rufus Smith, | ditto, warrant signd ditto | one horse | for ditto | 27 | | | 50 | | |
| 6 | | Jonathan Arnold Junr. | ditto, warrant signd ditto. | One Cow | for ditto | 4 | 16 | | 12 | | |
| 11 | | ditto | ditto, warrant signd ditto | One Ox | for ditto | | | | | | |
| 12 | 2 | James Smith | Stephen Whipple Town Serjeant of Glocester warrant signd Richard Steer Council Clerk | money & a Cow | for ditto | 30 | 7 | | 33 | | 2 |
| 1778 | | Amasa Gray | William Compton, Town Sergeant of Providence warrant from Town Council | One side of Leather | for ditto | 2 | 8 | | 5 | 8 | |
| 2 | | Caleb Greene | Martin Simmons Sheriff warrant from Town Council | one riding chair | for ditto | 15 | | | 25 | | |
| | | ditto | Archibald Slater Clerk, warrant from Charles Steer Captain | 2 pair large Taylors Sheers, 2 Shovels, 1 pair tongs, & 1 pair bellows | for ditto | 3 | 15 | | 5 | 16 | |

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To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be holden at South Kingstown the 1st day of the 6th mo. A. D. 1778. having Collected the foregoing acct. of fines suffering as aforesaid, do return the same according to appointment

Benj: a Hazzie
Thomas Willbor
Peter Hazzie
Andrew Nichols Junr
Simeon Pony

## A further Acct from Smithfield Monthly Meeting

| Date 1777 | | Whom taken from | By whom taken | Things taken | What taken for | Demand £ | Demand s | Demand d | value taken £ | value taken s | value taken d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| mo | day | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | Thomas Lapham Junr | by Eli Read Town Sergeant, warrant from Daniel Mowry Esq Junr Council Clerk | One Cow | for 13 day non attendance a Soldier | 2 | 8 | | 11 | | |
| 11 | 18 | ditto | by Eli Read Town Sergeant, warrant from ditto | three Cows | for One month ditto | 27 | | | 45 | | |
| 6 | 20 | Daniel & Anthony | by Jonathan Pike Town Sergeant | One heifer | for 13 day ditto | 2 | 4 | | 4 | | |
| fined | | ditto | by ditto — | One Cow | for non attendance as a Soldier | 12 | 16 | | 16 | | |
| 7 | 2 | Augustus Lapham | Eli Read Town Serjeant | One Cow | for non attendance as a Soldier | 2 | 12 | | 12 | 12 | |
| 7 | 3 | Samuel Arnold | by ditto with warrant Signd by Daniel Mowry | One 3 year old heifer forward with Calf | for non attendance & fine and two days as a Soldier | | | | 12 | 18 | |
| 7 | 18 | Ditto | by Ditto | one Yoke Oxen | for non attendance at an Expedition against Rhode Island — | 36 | 12 | | 42 | | |
| 7 | 4 | Inhabitants of Smithfield | by ditto | One Cow | for non attendance as a Soldier | 2 | 12 | | 12 | 12 | |
| 7 | 5 | Benedict Arnold | by Stephen Whipple Town Serjeant, warrant Signd by the Town Clerk | Two blankets | for 13 day ditto — | 2 | 2 | | 3 | | |
| 11 | | David Steer | by Stephen Whipple | one Cow | allowance of militia stores requisitions | 32 | 10 | | 47 | | |
| | | ditto | by ditto, | One Cow, 1 two & 2 year old bull & 1 yearling Heifer | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 14 | James Smith | by d° warrant Signd Chad Brown Colonel | One Heifer | for non attendance as a Soldier | 2 | 8 | | 4 | 16 | |
| 11 | 21 | Amasa Gray | by Archibald Yates Clerk of a Company in Providence, warrant from Charles Keen Captain | two large Feather Beds & Furniture | for 15 day ditto | 3 | 12 | | 9 | 12 | |
| 12 | | Annanias Mowry | Eli Read Town Serjeant warrant from Dan: Mowry Colonial Clerk | two Firkins of Butter | for non attendance as a Soldier | 24 | 12 | | 39 | 15 | |
| 11 | 29 | Robert Mitchinson | by Eli Read | 1 yoak of Oxen | for ditto | 24 | 18 | | 50 | | |
| 11 | | Ezra Potter | | One yearling Colt & Heifer | | 16 | 10 | | 21 | | |

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Charlestown y^e 4^th — 5^th mo 1777 Daniel Kingyon came with a warran
from James Congdon the 3^d Council Clerke & took from Edward
Perry (one Yearling Heifer by distraint, it being as was expected, for my
Son Edward refusing to do duty as a Soldier, fifteen day, being drawn, &
the Town Council hired a man in his room, for 15/, which was the
demand with 6 Cost. — the Heifer was worth 40/

Edward Perry

South Kingstown y^e 18. of the 10^th mo, called October 1777, there
was taken from Thomas Hazard of Robert, by Jeremiah Hoxie
by virtue of a Warrant sign'd by Freeman Perry, as Clerke of the
Town Council, five neat Cattle, valued at £6 6, one of which
near returned, valued at £18,, the demand being £30,, with Cost
it being to satisfy a man which the Town Council had hired to do
One month's duty as a Soldier in General Spencer's Camp, in
y^e Thomas Hazard's Room, as was expected, who was drafted for
the purpose

Tho. Hazard of Rob^t

Charlestown about the 1^st of the 2^d mo 1777 Daniel Kingyon
came with a Warrant from James Congdon 3^d as he said, &
took from Nathan Tucker One Blanket, worth 24/ four
Tucker not attending to do duty as a Soldier 15 days; & the 24^th day
of the 10^th mo 1777. Daniel Kingyon came with a Warrant sign'd by
James Congdon 3^d Council Clerke and took from said Nathan
Tucker Two Cows & Suppose worth £ 22,, & ten Sheep worth
£ 6. the demand near £ 28,, 1,, & 6 Cost, for neglect of one month's service
in a Soldier, the Town Council having hired a man to do said duty
in said Tucker's Room, as they said

Nathan Tucker

South Kingstown 18. of the 10^th mo 1777. Jeremiah Hoxie, Con-
stable by a warrant granted by Freeman Perry Clerke of the
Town Council, distrained Stock from William Congdon
Jun^r & Jos. Congdon; four Cows, to the Value of £ 60. the demand
being £ 30,, for a man hired in my room to serve one month in my room
in a Soldier; my said Father meeting the officer, & paid the said £ 30,,
together with the Cost, which near £ 2. 6. & turn'd said Cows into the pasture

William Congdon

Jo

Samuel Stanton, with a warrant from Thomas Sifft, Town Clerk, took from John Die, A Swine, worth £6.. 12.. The demand was £2.. 11.. with cost; to pay a man the Town Council had hired to attend the Shore as a Soldier in said Die's room —

And the 23rd day of the 12th mo: 1776. Asa Clarke, with a warrant from Simeon Clarke Esqr: distrained from Jno Die a pair of Ploughy Irons worth 18/ to satisfy two fines, The demand was 6/8

John Die

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Richmond y.e 9th mo 1777. Sam.l Stanton, with a warrant from Thomas Sifft Town Clerke, took from Peter Hoxsie a Colt, worth £6. The demand was £2. to pay a man the town Council had hired to attend the Shore as a Soldier in said peter Hoxsies room.

Peter Hoxsie

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Charlestown y.e 30th of the 9th mo 1777. Gideon Hoxsie Junr with a warrant from Joseph Hoxsie President of the Town Council came & pressed or took away One good fulled blanket, as Less.d for the use of the Soldiers, worth 3£. no demand for nor Left of any thing — And the 28th the 10th mo. 1777 Daniel Kinyon with a warrant from James Congdon Esqr. at request of the Town Council took from Simeon Perry, 3 Cows, worth £36. The demand was £2 8.. 1.. and Cost; which was to pay a man the Town Council had hired to do service one month as a Soldier in the room of S.d Perry

Simeon Perry

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S.o Kingston. 9th mo 1777. Jeremiah Allen, came with a warrant & was informed from Freeman Perry, & not being at home, & took from Sam.l Shefield, One Coverlid worth 40/ One meal bag, worth 12/ & 4 pewter plates 20/ a pair silver plated Shoe buckles, worth 15/ and a pair of Silver knee buckles, worth 24/ the demand was 3£ 0/ and Cost; to pay a man the Town Council hired to attend the Shore in S.d Shefields room; the S.d Shefields Father in Law, paid the demand afore.s and gave the said good to my wife & Children, as I told him, I chose not to receive them —

Sam.l Shiffield

Charles —

Richmond y.e 6.th 9.th mo. 1777. Samuel Stanton Junr. came with a Warrant from Thomas Sifft Town Clerk, and Distrained a Stock from Stephen Hoxsie five Sheep, & supposed worth £3 for my Son Gideons not attending when drafted as a Soldier, as they s.d the demand was forty seven shillings

Stephen Hoxsie

S.o. Kingstown 18.th 10.th mo 1777 Jeremiah Albro Constable by a Warrant Granted from Freeman Perry, Clerk of the Town Council, distrained & took from Peleg Peckham, One large Fat Ox, worth £30 for not appearing as a Soldier.

Peleg Peckham

S.o Kings Town, y.e 20.th of the 9.th mo. 1777. Jeremiah Albro Constable, with a Warrant from Freeman Perry, Clerk of the Town Council (for the day) took from Caleb Carpenter one Silver worth 20/ the demand was 30/ Lawfull money, for not attending at the Shore as a Soldier.

Caleb Carpenter

Richmond, the 3.d of the 12.th mo 1776. Asa Clarke, with a warrant from Simeon Clarke Junr. Capt.n took away from John Knowles an Iron Googe, worth 1/ One fickle worth 4/ for fineing of his Son John Wm. not appearing at Training— the demand was 6/— and the 2.d of the 12.th mo afores.d Asa Clarke, with a warrant from s.d Clarke Capt.n distrained & took away from s.d John Knowles, one Cowhide worth 27/. the demand 24/ for his s.d Sons not appearing at an Alarm; & the 8.th of the 8.th mo 1777, Samuel Stanton with a Warrant by Order of the Town Council, distrained & took away from John Knowles Six Sheep, & gave and Receipt to s.d Knowles for £3. 6. and the other three he said he returned back, the demand was thirty eight Shilling, for neglect of his Son's attending the Shore as a Soldier; and the 29.th of the 10.th 1777 Samuel Stanton with a warrant by order of the Town Council took from John Knowles, three Sheep, worth £5. 8. the demand was for neglect of his Son William's attending the Shore as a Soldier

John Knowles

Richmond 29.th of the 9.th mo. 1777. Sam.l Stanton, with a warrant from Thomas Sifft, Town Clerk took from John Die, Two One worth £5. the demand was 3. 6. for the neglect of his Son Sam.l not attending the Shore, as a Soldier— and the 29.th of the 10.th mo

Sam

# A further Acct of Sufferings from South Kings-Town Monthly Meeting

Hopkinton y^e 7^th 9: of y^e 6^th mo. A. D. 1777. John Mason junr. with a abel Tanner Town Clerk, Obtained a Warrant from Thomas Wilbur, one looking Glass, and one Iron Bar, worth four pounds, the demand being 24 Shillings besides the Lawful charges, to pay a Man that one of the Town Council had hired to do fifteen days service as a Soldier, in said Thomas Wilbur's room, who refused to do said Service

Thomas Wilbur

South-Kingstown, 4^th mo. 1777. Thomas Potter Gardner came with a Warrant as he said, but Shewed none, from Benjamin Hill, & took from Joseph Collins, Six Cattle & Cart, & carted a load of wood for the Soldiers, about half a mile, & the 8^th of the 5^th mo. 1777. John Weaver, Son of Jonathan came & took a Cart, six Cattle, & a Mare from said Joseph Collins, & kept them about one third of a day, carting Wood for the Soldiers — and y^e 15^th of the 10^th mo. 1777. Jeremiah Albro came with a Warrant from Freeman Perry, as Clerk of the Town Council, & took away from said Joseph Collins, One pair of Oxen worth 40 pounds, the demand was twenty four pounds, & Cost, for to pay a man the Town Council hired to do one months Service, as a Soldier in said Collins's room

Joseph Collins

Richmond y^e 3^d of the 11^th mo. 1777. Samuel Stanton Town Sergeant came with a Warrant from Thomas Tefft, Town Clerk, & took from Barnabas Hoxsie One Calf, worth three pounds, the demand was thirty Shillings, to pay a Man the Council hired to do day Service as a Soldier in said Hoxsie's room.

Barnabas Hoxsie

Richmond 26: of the 11^th mo. 1777. Samuel Stanton Town Sergeant, came with a Warrant from Thomas Tefft, Town Clerk, & took from John Hoxsie, one mare, worth thirty pounds, the demand was 16: 10, & Cost, to pay a Man the Town Council hired to do a months Service as a Soldier, in said Hoxsie's room.

John Hoxsie

Dick-

y:r of the 8th mo. Taken by Order of the Town Council of East Green-
-wich, by Arnold Stafford Constable, for the hire of three men, to do mili-
-tary duty (so called) in lue of himself and two sons. — One Cow, value in the
present currency ——— £ , ,
Demand exclusive Constables fees ——— 11,, 4, 8,

11. of the 12th Mo. taken by the same Order, & same Officer as above — One Heif-
-fer, with Calf, for the noncompliance of his Son Seneca with some
military requisitions ——— value ——— 11,,

1st
1. of y: 1st mo 1778. Taken by the same officers, and on the same account, a large
Grind stone, with an Iron Crank ——— 4
Demand including fees, (for which the two last articles were taken) 7,, 0,,

2nd
y: 2. mo. 1778 James Greene (Son of James deceas'd) had by virtue of a Warrant from
the Town Council of Warwick, directed to John Stafford Town Sergeant,
Seventy two Cord & a half of wood cut, & carried off his Land, for not appearing
when draughted to Serve as a Soldier, for one month, value of the wood
Estemated at ——— 43,, 10
Demand by the warrant ——— 32,, 12

The 10th of the 9th mo 1777, David Anthony, by a warrant Issued by Thomas
Rice Captn to Thomas Babcock Clerk, was committed to Gaol
and remained a prisoner about nine weeks, for not complying with
some military requisitions, and then released by order of Council

The above and foregoing, is an account of the sufferings
which the members of our Monthly Meeting have met with, as
far as hath been delivered in to us, to which may be added, that
several friends have had their horses, & other Cattle taken out of their
Lands, by military Officers, and after detaining
them some considerable time, have been returnid
with the loss of tackling, &c. —

Cranston y: 21st of the 2nd mo 1778

Ephraim Congdon
D Howland
Paul Greene

19th of the 6 mo 1775 Taken from Ephraim Congdon for his Sons non-
appearance at training) Richard Knight Clerk, the Warrant
Issued by Edward Knight, Capt. one narrow Ax 3/, one Shoe-
hammer 1/6 ---------- 1 ---------- £ 1 0
Demand 4-6
" 3 "

8th of the 5. mo Taken in the same manner, & by the same officers, one narrow Ax
one hammel 1/6 ---------- " 7 " 6
Demand " 6 "

1st of the 1. mo 1776, Taken from the said Ephraim Congdon for the non-
appearance of his two sons, on some military requisition) by Daniel
Waterman Clerk, Warrant issued by Edward Knight, Capt.
one pair of Boots 1 " 1 " one Clevis and pin 4/6, one bridle 4/6 -- 1 " 10 "
Demand " 12 "

the 2nd Mo. Taken by said Daniel Waterman as Clk. by virtue of a
Warrant from Joseph Potter Capt. for the nonappearance of
said Ephraim's two Sons, on the like occasion as above, — one
draught Chain 12/ — one set of horse traces 18/ ---------- 1 " 10 "
Demand to the best of his remembrance " 12 "

It appears by an entry left by Jabez Greene deceased that he
had taken from him as fines for noncompliance with military
requisitions, in the years 1775 & 1776, sundry articles, the value of
which in the whole amount to ---------- 4 " 17 " 8

The particular Demands not ascertained

1776. Taken from Anthony Nichols, by Job Greene Clerke, William
Waterman Capt. for military fines, one Iron square, & one pair
of large door hinges ... value ---------- " 5 " 6
Demand unknown

1776. Taken from the said Anthony, by Peter Green Clerke, Reuben
Hightman Capt. for military fines, as above said, — One round
Tea Table 15/ — one D.o 15/ one square D.o 18/ ---------- 2 " 8 " —
Demand not known ----

1st mo 1777 Jeremiah Spencer had two Cord of wood taken from him by order
of Richard Fry Col.o for use of the Soldiers value ---------- 1 " 4 "

1777. 18th of the 10th mo. Taken from Caleb Batley, one yoke of Ox Cattle, two Cows, & twenty three Sheep, by John Wightman Constable, Warrant Issued by Order of the Town Council of Warwick, signd James Jerauld, Council Clerk, - for his the said Batley, & Sons refusing to serve as Soldiers, for one month, when draughted,

value of the Cattle, & Sheep, present Currency ——— £ 118 11 10

Their Demand 61 11 1

The said Caleb Batley had taken from him in the year 1776 by Abraham Lippet Clerk, Warrant from John Greene Captn for not appearing at trainings - one narrow Ax, £ 6/ one Gun 3 11 ——— 3 11 6

By James Carder jun. the same year, by the like Warrant, one draught Chain 15/, & one pair of Stilyards 12/, the whole ——— 1 - 7 11

in 1776. By John Rhoder, with a Warrant from Abraham Lockwood Captn one large fire Shovel 6/, one pair of Bellowses 4/6 ——— 10 11 6

Their Demand not known - -

4th of the 11th mo 1777 Taken from Thomas Aldrich, and Carted away by one Smiton Wilcox, twenty three barrels of Cyder, valued in the present currency at no demand made by any Officer, but as reported by one of the Council, was for the hire of a man to do military duty (so called) in the lieu of the said Thomas, he soon gives, hereby ——— 62 11 30.

9th Mo. 1777, Taken from Nathan Greene, for noncomplyance with some military requisitions, by Arnold Stafford Constable, said to be by Order of Town Council, Three pair of Mens Shoes, value ——— 3 11 3

Demand 1 11 7 3

11th mo. Taken from the said Nathan Greene, by the same Order, and Officer, & on the same account, three pair of Mens Shoes, value £ 6/, & one pair womens ditto at 1 10 £ 7 11 10

12th mo 1777, & 1st mo 1778. Taken from William Spencer, by Arnold Stafford, Constable, Warrant Issued by order of the Town Council of East Greenwich, to pay the hire of a man, to serve as a soldier in his stead, one raw hide, two barrels of Cyder, and about twenty nine pounds of Spun tobacco

valued in the present Currency - - ——— 12 11 13 11

Demand 4 11 10 11

the 11th mo. Taken from said Paul Greene, by John Wightman Constable, Warrant Issued by the said Town Council, signed by the above said Clerk, Two Cows, & four pair of Shoes, for his not serving as a soldier, one month, when draughted; the value of the Cows & Shoes £ 36.. 0..0

Demand 30.. 10..

the 1st day 1st mo 1777, Thomas Baker had taken from him, for not complying with some military requisitions, by William Field Clerk, Warrant from Rhodes Arnold Captn one pare of Oxen, value —— 21..

Fine demanded 9..

the 11th mo, The said Thomas Baker had taken from him, by Randal Briggs, Depty Sheriff, by a warrant Issued by Order of the Town Council of Cranston; — Twenty Barrels of Cyder, value in the present Currency —— 48..

The fine demanded for his not attending military duty so called, when draught. 29.. 8..

the 7th mo. 1777, John Aylworth, had taken from him, by Thomas Croson Clerk, Warrant signed Michael Spencer Lieut. for his the said John's not attending as a Soldier, when draughted, for fifteen days, one Maple Desk, worth at that time, present Currency, —— 12

Fine demanded —— 3.. 15

the 8th mo 1777. Taken from Daniel Howland, by Arnold Stafford Constable, Warrant Issued by Order of the Town Council of East-Greenwich, and signed Hopkins Cook Council Clk. Ten yards of coarse Sheeting, value in present Currency —— 6——

Demand for noncompliance with some military requisitions including Council fee &c. 1.. 9.. 9

the 1777, Taken from Benjamin Pierce Junr. by John Stafford Town Sergeant, Warrant Issued by Order of the Town Council of Warwick, & signed John Waterman Council Clk protemy. One Saddle, which sold as appears by the return of the Warrant, —— for —— 6.. 18

Demand, for noncompliance with military requisitions) with Cost —— 1.. 15.. 6

the 9th mo 1777, Taken from Benjamin Howland, by Thomas Babcock, Clerk, Warrant from Thomas Rice Capt. one, two year Old Steer, value in present Currency 10..

Demand for his the said Benjamins not appearing to do military duty (so call'd) as a Soldier 3.. 15..

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10. mo. 13 By Peter Greene Clerke, same Capt.n one Felt Hat — £ 2
Demand 6 - 4
11. mo, Same Officers - one Ditto — 3
Demand 3
12. mo. Same Officers, two Ditto value — 5 -
Demand 3
1776. 4 mo, Same Officers, one Castor Hat 17/6. one Felt Ditto 6/ — 9 -
Demand 6
23. 8. mo. Taken from the said John Casey, By John Stafford, 1 - 3 -
Town Sergeant, the Warrant Issued by Order of the Town Council
of Warwick, & Signd: John Waterman, Counc.: Clk pro tem.
for his the said Casey's not attending the Shores as a Soldier, when
called on, three felt hats, value in present Currency — 2 - 5
Demand, including fees for Warrant — 1 - 15
29. of y.e 12. mo. Taken by John Wightman Constable, Warrant
from Said Council, three felt Hats, value — 4 - 10
Demand with fees — 3 - 15
1775. 10. mo Taken from Samuel Tripp. by John Shaw Clerke,
Warrant Issued by Nathanael Gardner Capt.n for non ap-
pearance at trainings, one Candle Stand — value — 10
Demand 6
1775. 19. of y.e 12. mo Taken from Paul Greene, by Peter Greene Clerke,
Warrant Issued by Reuben Wightman Capt.n for non appear-
ance on four training days, five pair of Womens Shoes valued at 1 - 10
Demand 12
1. of y.e 12 mo. Taken from the said Paul Greene, same officers, two pair of Shoes, value — 14
1777. 5 of y.e 8. mo Taken from said Paul Greene by John Stafford Town Sergeant
Demand unknown
Warrant Issued by order of the Town Council of Warwick, signd John Wate-
-man Council Clk: one pair of Boots, for his Son Timothy's not attend-
-ing the Shore as a Soldier — value of the Boots — — 3 - 12
15. of the 7 mo, Taken from said Paul Greene, Demand by the Warrant 1 - 11
by Samuel Gorton Constable, Warrant Issued by order of the above said Town
Council, & signd by James Jenckes Clerk, five pair of Mens Shoes, for his 5.
not attending the Shores as a Soldier — value of the Shoes 2 - 8
Demand

A further Account from Smithfield Monthly Meeting

Taken from Daniel Case of Richmond in New Hampshire, three blankets for the year 1776 Soldiers, by Captain Oliver Caperon, and Constan Barne, & Michael Barrows; they came in the Night time, and took one off of said Case, as he was in bed; the other two off of the beds where said Case's family lay; and after some time said Caperon return'd said blankets, & offered to pay the damage done to them, but said Case refused to take it and the damage is esteemed £ 1 - 2 -

Signed by Daniel Case

Moses Farnum

Examined by Ezekiel Comstock

Job Sleet

Greenwich Monthly Meeting's Account

We the Subscribers being (by Greenwich Monthly Meeting) appointed a Committee to collect from, & assist friends in making out, an Account of their sufferings, in maintaining their testimony against War, and military service (so called) find the members of our Monthly Meeting have suffered agreeable to the following List, mostly Sign'd by the sufferers

Viz.

1774. Joseph Baker had Taken from him, by Joseph Barton, Clerk in pursuance of a Warrant issued by Christopher Lovally, Capt.n for not appearing at trainings — one draught Chain, two hand saws, one Auger, two Chizils, and one Coopers Adze, all of the value of £1. 16-0

1774. 4th mo. 5th day, Taken from John Casey, by Job Greene Clerke, Warrant from Ruben Wightman Capt.n for non appearance at Training, one felt Hat, value - - -

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An Account of the sufferings of william Willbur;

For my two Sons joseph & William not attending to do military duty, (so called)
taken on the 1st of the 11th mo 1776, by Nathaniel Southworth, Clerk, by a
Warrant from Gideon Simmons, Captn, one Beaver Hat, sold at Publick Vendue
for one pound, four Shillings, worth £1-16, for Six Shillings Demand -

Taken on the 3.d of y.e 2.nd mo 1777, one Cow; & Heifer, (sold at publick Auction
for twelve pounds, nine Shillings,) by Jonathan Taylor Clerk, by a Warrant from
Gideon Simmons Captn ---- worth £13-10; for nine pounds demand

Little Compton the 8th of the
3rd month 1777 } A true Account

William Willbur

Little Compton the 8th of the 3rd mo 1776; Had taken from me by Ephraim
Simmons Captain of the guard, about thirty Six pound of Flax, and one Bushel
and half of Oats, to the value of £1-19- for my Sons refusing to Ma
as a guard ----

James Chase

Account of the Sufferings of James Chase of Little Compton
Taken by William Bailey of the same town, Ensign, on the 7th of 6.th mo 1777
one Cow valued at 12£; for 7£. 8 demand, for a fine, for him and his
under lawful age, refusing to Stand guard 15 days, as Soldiers ----
And on the 29th of y.e 10th mo 1777, there was taken from him one fat Ox, & one
fat Cow, valued at 72£. 10s. for 31£. 1s. demand, by Philip Sowle, Ser
Serjeant, by a warrant from the Town Council, on account of his Sons being dra
for a Soldier one Month ----

The above accounts collected by us
a Committee appointed to Collect Sufferings

Philip Sowle
James Sowle
Benjamin Sowle

and one Ax worth 6/ for fines for not appearing at Training &c. the demand 6/

The 21.st of the 1.st mo. Caleb Nay Junr. by warrant from George Shelston Junr. Captn. destrainid and took from said George Kingyon one Ox Chain worth 10/6.d for a fine of one days neglect of training, the demand was 3/

George Kingyon

Charlestown y.e 1.st mo 1775. Nathan Taylor, by Warrant from Thomas Shef-field Captn. destrainid and took from Benjamin Hoxsie one Iron Spit worth 6/ for a fine of his Son, for not appearing at training, the demand was 3/

The 4.th mo 1775, Samuel Crandal by warrant from said Thomas Sheffield Captn. destrained and took from Benjamin Hoxsie one Chain worth 10/8 for a fine of his Son, for not appearing at training, the demand was, 12/

Benjamin Hoxsie

Charlestown y.e 2.nd mo 1775. Nathan Taylor, by warrant from Thomas Sheffield Captn. destrainid and took from Edward Pary a pair of Stillyards, & a pair of Sheepshears, worth 9/ for a fine of 2 days neglect of training, the demand was 6/

The 4.th mo 1775, Samuel Crandal by Warrant from Thomas Sheffield Captn. destraind & took from Edward perry a pair of fire Tongs, worth 5/ for a fine of 1 days neglect of training, the demand was 3/— (signed as to the said goods being taken, but the time of their being taken, and demand being collected from other evidence)

Edward Perry

South kingstown the 9.th of y.e 9.th mo 1776. Thomas Hazard son of Robert had Six oxen taken by one Born, a Quartermaster (as he said by virtue of a warrant, but showed none) and drove with said Oxen a load of Baggage (as I was informd) from the Ferry at South kingston, to Jesse Champlains in Chester-town, about 18 miles, said Cattle were returnd the 3.rd day after, one of which was much hurt

Thomas Hazard of Robt.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at South kingstown the 28.th day of the 11.th mo A.D. 1777.

Benjamin Hoxsie
Thomas Willbur
Peter Hoxsie
Andrew Nichols jun.
Simeon Perry

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to the last destraint; the Demand was 6/

the 12. mo. 1776, the aforesaid Clarke Baily, by warrant from s.d Simeon Clarke jun.r Captain, distrain'd, & took from s.d John Knowles, two Scythe and tackling for one Scythe, worth 15/6; a fire Shovel worth 3/; a pair of Bridle bits, worth 1/6, the demand was 6/ for his Sons not appearing at Train

John Knowles

Richmond the 9.th of y.e 1.st mo 1776, Clarke Baily, by warrant from Simeon Clarke jun.r Capt.n destrain'd & took from Stephen Hoxsie a pair of fire tongs, worth 6/ for a fine of John Foster, for not appearing at an Alarm said Stephen Hoxsie being his guardian; the demand was 3/ and the said Clarke Baily the same time, with his said warrant took John Hoxsie and Edward Hoxsie, Sons of the aforesaid Stephen Hoxsie, & Zebulon Weaver, and committed them to Goal in Kings County, for their not appearing at said Alarm, & detained them prisoners near 40 hours

The 1.st of the 3.rd mo 1776, Samuel Stanton, with a Warrant from Thomas Toft Capt.n destrained and took from Stephen Hoxsie an Iron Barr worth 9/ for fines of two of said Stephens Sons John & Edward, for their not appearing at a Training; the demand was 6/ notwithstanding they were each of them upwards of Twenty one years old

Stephen Hoxsie

Richmond y.e 4.th mo 1776. Clarke Baily, by warrant from Simeon Clarke jun.r Capt.n destrain'd and took from John Die, one Ox Chain, worth the demand was 5/ for a fine of not appearing at Training

John Die

Richmond the 1.st of y.e 3.d mo 1776 Samuel Stanton, by warrant from Thomas Toft, Capt.n destrain'd & took from Peter Hoxsie, a pair of worsted Stocking worth 5/ for a fine, the demand was 3/ for not appearing to train &c

Peter Hoxsie

South Kingstown y.e 12.th mo 1775 Beriah Carpenter, by Warrant from Samuel Segar Capt.n destrained & took from William Congdon one Chain worth 12/ for a fine of not training; the demand was 3/

William Congdon

Hopkinton y.e 3.d mo. 1775. Arnold Clarke by Warrant from John Randall Captain destrained and took from George Kingsbury, one Ox Chain worth 7/2

Military Supplies to Windham, about 50 miles, in the 1st month 1777 -- worth 3.. 0.. 0

Moses Aldrich

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The foregoing was Collected & Examined by us who were appointed by said Monthly Meeting for that purpose

Moses Farnum
Ezekiel Comstock
Job Scott

## South Kingstown Monthly Meeting's Account

Being appointed at the Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Southkingstown, in Kings County, the 29th of the 7th mo 1776. to collect an account of what Friends belonging to said Meeting had suffer'd for not Complying with militiary requisitions, &c. and return an account thereof to the monthly Meeting of Friends aforesaid, as soon as conveniently could be done, and having collected the following amounts thereof, do return the same as follows

Richmond y^e 10th mo 1775 Clarke Baily, by warrant from Simeon Clarke jun^r Cap^tn destrained and took from John Die, two guns worth £2) one Iron wedge, and part of a Chain, with 4/ the whole Amount £2.. 6. Lawful Money; 12/ being the demand, for the neglect of himself and Son, not appearing at training &c.

John Die

Richmond the 11th mo 1775. Clarke Baily, by warrant from Simeon Clarke jun^r Cap^tn destrain'd and took from John Knowles one Chain worth 6/ for a fine of his two sons, for not appearing, &c. at a military muster, notwithstanding one of said sons was about 22 years of age; 6/ was the demand

the 19th of y^e 12th mo 1775. s^d Clarke Baily, by warrant from s^d Simeon Clarke, jun^r Cap^tn destrained and took from John Knowles one Castor hat, worth 7/ for fines of his aforesaid Sons, for not training &c, the damand was 6/

the 6th of y^e 1st mo 1776. the same Clarke Baily, by warrant from s^d Simeon Clarke jun^r Cap^tn destrain'd & took from said John Knowles one ax worth 6/ one Spade worth 4/6. one bush hook worth 1/6, for fines laid on himself, and said sons, for their not appearing at a muster alarm; the aforesaid Clarke Baily, with his aforesaid warrant, a few days after the last date, took by destraint, from said John Knowles a hammel worth 4/6 in addition

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By 4 or 5 young Men, (viz. John Blackmarr, John Tinckom, &c.) who said they were sent by their Captain Nathaniel Blackmarr, for what (as it was not taken for a fine, but for the use of war) he was afterwards offered pay, but had not freedom to take any - - -

# In Account of Friends Sufferings within the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island

## Smithfield Monthly Meetings account. viz.

About the middle of the 3d mo 1775 Benoni Pain Clerk of the first Company in Smithfields, took by Destraint, (in virtue of a Warrant from Joseph Jenckes, Captain of said Company) the following Articles, supposed to be worth the sums thereto annexed: — the sum demanded was 3/ each, for not appearing at Training.

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| From Thomas Lapham, one pewter platter | | 2 | 0 |
| one large Bason | | 3 | 0 |
| one Iron Shovel | | 4 | 6 |
| Thō Lapham | | 9 | 6 |

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| From Augustus Lapham, almost 1: Brasswire | | 3 | 3 |
| three Chizzels, & one gouage | | 3 | 6 |
| Augustus Lapham | | 6 | 9 |

From Oziel Wilkinson one pair Songs ..... 7

Oziel Wilkinson

From Thomas Lapham jun.r one Dictionary ..... 11

Thomas Lapham jun.r

From Samuel Arnold one pair Songs ..... 6

Samuel Arnold

From Jonathan Arnold, jun.r one pair Bellows ..... 3

Jonathan Arnold jun.r

From Benjamin Wing several pewter vessels ..... 6

Benjamin Wing

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Also taken from Jeremiah Wilkinson junr of Cumberland, about the same time by George Peck, Clerk of a Company there,

One Pinchback Spoon ..... 3

Jeremiah Wilkinson 2nd

From David Steer of Glocester, within said Monthly Meeting taken in the 4th mo 1775, a gun speemed worth £4. S. 0. D.

by